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Pakistani President vows stern action to crush saboteurs

KARACHI, Oct. 3. (Agencies): President Ghulam Ishaq Khan toured violence-torn southern Pakistan today and vowed "stern action to crush saboteurs and their foreign agents" he blamed for unrest that has left more than 264 people dead in four days.

"The government is fully aware of the elements responsible for the disturbances," Khan said in a speech to political and military officials in Hyderabad, 90 miles (150 km) northeast of the southern port of Karachi.

Support

"The government will take stern action to crush saboteurs and their foreign agents who are trying to wreck the nation," said Ishaq Khan, the constitutional successor to President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, who died in a mysterious Aug. 17 plane crash that also killed senior military officials.

The President did not elaborate, but Islamabad has previously accused the Soviet-backed regime in Kabul of seeking to destabilise Pakistan for its support for Afghan rebels. Pakistan has also fought three wars

with its neighbour India since 1948.

As the President was speaking, unidentified gunmen ambushed a group of people waiting outside Hyderabad's central jail for the release of friends and relatives arrested in ethnic clashes two months ago, police said. They said the attackers killed one person and kidnapped four others.

Despite a curfew, snipers also wounded six people in the city and gunmen ambushed a police van at about 2 a.m., injuring five officers.

Doctors said three bodies and five injured people were brought to hospitals today after fresh shootings in the city.

Curfews

Two more people also died of injuries sustained on Friday, bringing to 182 the death toll in the massacre by scores of gunmen who opened fire indiscriminately throughout Hyderabad and its twin city of Latifabad. More than 300 people were injured.

Troops today maintained curfews in many parts of Karachi and no incidents were reported in the city, where at least 24 people died and 200 were wounded in

ethnic violence at the weekend sparked by Friday's massacre.

A potential flashpoint, a religious procession by the people of Karachi, passed peacefully today under heavy police and Army surveillance.

It was still not clear who carried out the massacre. Members of the Mohajir community, who migrated from India following the partition of the subcontinent in 1947, blamed the native Sindhis.

Improve

Government, military and opposition leaders have said they believe the unrest was engineered to destabilise the country and prevent the scheduled Nov 16 elections.

Ishaq Khan said "every effort will be made to bring the situation back to normal. But this can be done only through free and fair elections that will improve the atmosphere of the country."

The President later visited Karachi to review the security situation with local political leaders and military officials.

Since Zia's death, Ishaq Khan has run the country as head of an emergency committee composed of leading military and civilian officials.



Soldiers search a car going towards a curfew area in Karachi. (Reuters wirephoto)

Palestinians strike to protest closure of West Bank schools

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Oct. 3. (Agencies): Palestinian shopkeepers staged a general strike today to protest a government order that will prevent an estimated 250,000 students in the occupied West Bank from returning to school until at least Nov 15.

Soldiers shot and wounded at least 10 Palestinian youths in the West Bank when clashes erupted during the strike, Palestinian sources and hospital officials said. An Army spokesman confirmed at least five wounded.

The violence flared as Jews in Israel celebrated Simhat Torah, the final holy day in the Sukkoth harvest festival.

Palestinian merchants in Arab East Jerusalem and the occupied territories kept their shops shuttered in observance of the general strike to protest the lengthy

closure of schools in the West Bank. The strike was called by the underground leadership of the nearly 10-month-old Palestinian uprising.

The civil administration, which governs the territories for the military, issued an order Friday barring schools in the West Bank from opening until Nov 15. The decision affected an estimated 250,000 elementary, secondary and university students.

A spokesman for the civil administration, which views schools as a breeding ground for anti-Israel protests, said the institutions were ordered to remain closed to protect younger children and to prevent renewed violence among older youths.

A nearly four-month school closure this spring seriously disrupted the previous scholastic

year for elementary and secondary students in the territory. Authorities closed universities indefinitely shortly after the start of the uprising.

Educators were expected to begin a new scholastic year for primary and secondary students in September, but were barred from reopening classes for a month. The order on Friday was issued one day before the previous order expired.

An Army spokesman said Israeli soldiers raided several villages in the West Bank this morning to make arrests in an effort to prevent violence during the general strike.

Israel Radio said the raiding soldiers carried out searches and forced Palestinian youths to remove painted slogans from walls and buildings.

Hostage Singh freed in Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon, Oct. 3. (AP): Indian hostage Mithileshwar Singh was released from 20 months and 10 days of captivity in Beirut today, dashing US network reports that an American captive was being released, a Beirut radio station said.

Singh, 61, a finance professor and resident alien of the United States, was set free at 10.05 pm (1905 GMT) near the headquarters of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees, the Christian-controlled Voice of Lebanon said.

There was no immediate confirmation from police.

Singh's reported release came five minutes after a deadline set by Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine, which holds three American professors kidnapped at the same time as the Indian.

In Damascus, the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Nasser Qaddor, said that an American hostage had been released and is already in Syrian hands. Qaddor would not reveal his identity, telling journalists to return to the Foreign Ministry at 9 am local (0600 GMT) when the hostage would be handed over to the American ambassador.

Declares

Singh holds an Indian passport but also has an American green card, making him a legal resident alien in the United States.

The 36-word handwritten statement in Arabic delivered earlier to a Western news agency

by the group had said the hostage would be freed by 10 pm (2100 GMT) at the UNRWA headquarters in the Bir Hassan district on Beirut's southern outskirts.

"After the completion of necessary arrangements, Islamic Jihad for the Liberation of Palestine declares that it will release the hostage at the UNRWA building between 9 pm and 10 pm (1800 GMT and 1900 GMT) tonight," the statement said.

It was accompanied by an authenticating polaroid picture showing US hostage Jesse Turner shaking hands with Singh as the two other kidnapped American educators smiled at the Indian as if hiding him far away.

Earlier reports from the US CBS and NBC television networks had said American professor Alann Steen was being freed in Beirut.

Waiting

Their wives were tensely waiting for news at Mrs Badr Turner's apartment on the campus of Beirut University College, where all four hostages taught.

"We are listening to the radios. Insha'Allah, Insha'Allah (God willing) these rumours come true. It's a good sign whoever is released," Mrs Turner, a Lebanese, said in a telephone interview.

Earlier today, at the United Nations in New York, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharras said one of the American hostages could be released "at any minute."

Eleven killed as houses collapse

NEW DELHI, Oct. 3. (Reuters): Eleven people, including eight children, were killed as houses collapsed after heavy rains lashed Bombay, the Press Trust of India (PTI) said.

The news agency said walls of several houses collapsed killing men, women and children this morning. At least 13 people were injured.

Arafat in China for Middle East talks

BEIJING, Oct. 3. (AP): Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat arrived in China today to discuss Jordan's break with the West Bank and other recent Middle East developments.

Youssef Rejeh Radhi, head of the PLO mission in Beijing, said Arafat is expected to meet several of China's top leaders during his three-day working visit, his first to China since 1985.

Arms

Radhi said one topic is likely to be the decision of Jordan's King Hussein in August to dismantle Jordan's legal and administrative links in the Israeli-occupied West Bank, opening the way for a larger PLO role in the region.

The PLO leadership now is debating whether to establish a government-in-exile or a provisional government encompassing the West Bank.

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Mine threat in Gulf serious but ignored

MANAMA, Oct. 3. (AP): Governments with a stake in the oil-rich Gulf should give urgent priority to the threat from mines, largely ignored in the aftermath of the Iran-Iraq ceasefire, Western military and diplomatic officials said today.

"The mines don't know there's a ceasefire. They're out there, cocked and ready to fire. If we don't deal with them on our terms, we'll have to deal with them on theirs," said US Navy Capt. Jim Miller, who has commanded the US minesweeping contingent in the Gulf for the past few months.

At least seven mines have been found in the Gulf since the truce went into effect 45 days ago, and there is "statistical probability" that a ship, sooner or later, is going to hit one of the explosives, said a military source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Assessments

American intelligence assessments say there are 150 to 200 mines still in the Gulf, concentrated in the north. Most are believed to have been laid by Iran and some by Iraq, officers say, but neither country has provided data on the locations.

These officers have predicted that the problem will worsen as winter storms cause more long-submerged explosives to break away and follow prevailing currents down the western coast of the Gulf.

Military sources, speaking on condition they not be identified, said the mines threaten not only Gulf shipping but the fishing

industry, underwater oil pipelines, and even children who sometimes find the odd-looking globes washed up on beaches.

Several coastal fishing dhows have been sunk or damaged by mines. One source recalled that two Bahraini children were killed by a derelict mine last year, and said another was found recently in Qatar.

Bumping

Between 12 and 50 mines are known to have been sunk unexpectedly, by local naval units off the coast between Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, one source said. "If those aren't found and destroyed, one of them bumping against a pipeline and exploding could create an immense pollution problem," he said.

Progress toward a co-ordinated anti-mine effort is impeded by political concerns within the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council, the military and diplomatic sources said.

The GCC countries remained nominally neutral during the war but supported Iraq against non-Arab Iran.

Now, say Western diplomats, the GCC states are reluctant to undertake any action that either Baghdad or Tehran might interpret as hostile. "As long as the Geneva peace talks remain stalled, nobody wants to do anything that could be seen as 'anti-anybody,'" said one diplomat.

The mine threat, one said, "isn't something they're paying a lot of attention to, and they're not likely to until things start to go bang in the night."

Khomeini lays down guidelines on Iran's reconstruction

NICOSIA, Oct. 3. (Reuters): Iran's revolutionary leader, Ayatollah Khomeini, said today the country would rely on neither East nor West to help it to recover from the eight-year war with Iraq.

Instead, Iranians must protect their Islamic revolution from "the criminal Soviet Union and world-devouring America" and their agents, the Iranian News Agency, IRNA, quoted him as saying.

"Visible and invisible hands of East and West have resorted to new plots in order to sow discord among sympathisers of the Islamic revolution," Khomeini said.

The aim, he said, was to discredit high-ranking Iranian officials and certain members of the Majlis (parliament) to force changes in Iranian policy.

But Iran must never, under any circumstances, retreat from its mission to spread the ideals of Islamic revolution throughout the world, he said.

"I am keeping a watchful eye on the internal and external policies of the country and as long as I am alive I will not let the course of our real policy change," the 85-year-old leader said.

Khomeini said without elaborating that Iranians should bear in mind that their country faced very complicated and sensitive political difficulties.

He urged them to refrain from questioning officials too closely lest they revealed secrets of the Islamic state.

Bavarian Premier Strauss, 73, dies

MUNICH, Oct. 3. (UPI): Bavarian Premier Franz Josef Strauss, one of the founders of the West German state who at various times held four different cabinet posts, died in a hospital today where he was taken on Saturday after he collapsed while on a hunting party at the estate of a German prince.

A medical bulletin issued in a Regensburg hospital said a "circulatory collapse" affected his lungs and kidneys and the immediate cause of death was heart failure.

The career of Strauss, 73, the powerful head of the Bavarian branch of the ruling Christian Democrats, dated back to the beginnings of the Federal Republic of Germany, which was established in 1949 in the American, British and French occupation zones of defeated and divided Germany.

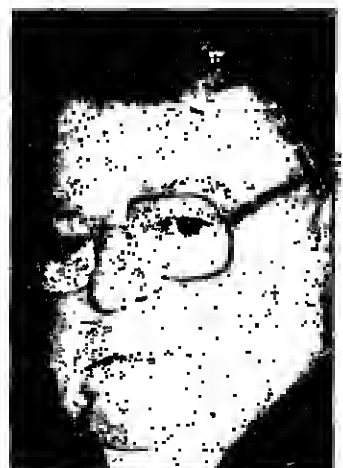
Asstute

He was elected a member of the first Bonn Parliament and under Konrad Adenauer, West Germany's first Chancellor, became minister for special affairs, atomic affairs minister, and defence minister. He later became finance minister from 1966 to 1969 in the Christian-Democratic-Social Democratic "grand" coalition.

Strauss was a highly intelligent, astute politician and the huge majorities piled up by his Christian Social Union, the sister party of the Christian Democratic Union, played a large part in the electoral victories of Adenauer and Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

With his quick wit, thick Bavarian accent, full figure and hulk neck he was one of the few political leaders in post-war Germany who appeared to dominate the political scene with the force of his personality alone.

President Richard von



Strauss Weizacker in a statement issued on his death called him "one of the great personalities in the history of the Federal Republic of Germany."

Gulf talks continue at UN

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 3. (Reuters): UN officials held separate talks today with representatives of Iran and Iraq after joint discussions at foreign ministers' level failed to advance the search for a peace settlement.

Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who presided over yesterday's three-hour session between Foreign Ministers Ali Akbar Velayati of Iran and Tariq Aziz of Iraq, said today there was neither a breakthrough nor a breakdown.

Perez de Cuellar expected to see the two ministers separately within 24 hours, possibly late today, a spokesman for the secretary-general said.

Meanwhile, his special representative Jan Eliasson, the chief delegate of Sweden and UN aides met the two delegations, also separately.

Addressed

It was not immediately clear whether Velayati and Aziz would have a further joint meeting in New York, where both are attending the UN General Assembly.

Velayati addressed the 159-nation body today and Aziz was scheduled to speak there next Friday.

Yesterday's talks were their first since Sept 13 when meetings began in Geneva on Aug 25, five days after the Gulf ceasefire, were adjourned.

Iraq agreed to a resumption in New York on condition that there be only a single meeting and that subsequent talks take place in Geneva.

Space shuttle Discovery returns home

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, Calif., Oct. 3. (Reuters): The space shuttle Discovery landed at this desert air base today, completing a four-day mission that marked America's return to manned space flight.

The Discovery and its crew of five landed safely at 1637 GMT in the first manned space flight since the Challenger exploded 32 months ago killing seven astronauts.

The safe return home brought cheers and whistles from an estimated 425,000 people who had packed the barren desert air base for the space shuttle flight.

Vice-President George Bush and his wife, Barbara, waited with other dignitaries for the crew to leave the white and black spaceship.

Kremlin hints at confrontational policy switch

MOSCOW, Oct. 3. (Reuters): The Soviet ambassador to the United Nations today denounced Moscow's confrontational foreign policy under past leaders in an effective repudiation of Andrei Gromyko, who left the Kremlin scene last week.

In an interview with the Communist Party newspaper Pravda, Alexander Belonogov did not name Gromyko but strongly condemned the way he conducted policy as foreign minister for 28 years.

Gromyko, 79, was removed from the ruling Politburo on Friday as Kremlin leader Mik-

hail Gorbachev reinforced his team of reformers. On Saturday, Gorbachev succeeded Gromyko in the post of President he had held since 1985.

Demand

"I remember well the situation at the UN in the late 1950s, when I first took part in the work of the General Assembly," Belonogov said. Gromyko was then foreign minister.

"What was demanded at that time from us — the young members of the Soviet delegation? How were we judged?" Belonogov asked.

Answering his own question, he went on: "On our ability to use strong language in addressing our political opponents, on our readiness and ability to discredit whenever possible not only the ideas they promoted, but also the bearers of the ideas as personalities."

Belonogov said the speeches of almost all Soviet envoys to the UN for many years hence had followed a set pattern and were permeated with "a spirit of intolerance and confrontation."

He said the excessive ideologicalisation of foreign policy had at times strongly hindered the

Kremlin from seeing where its own interests lay, notably when world economic and financial organisations were being formed and Moscow did not take part.

"And the consequences of the non-participation of our country are still felt to this day," he declared.

Pursue

The interview also signalled Gorbachev's intention to pursue a non-confrontational foreign policy line in what some analysts see as an effort to reduce tensions and devote Soviet resources to domestic problems.

Alexander Vlasov, Soviet interior minister for the last two and a half years, was today appointed prime minister of the Russian Federation, the Soviet Union's largest republic, Tass news agency said.

Vlasov was elected to the post at a meeting of the federation's Supreme Soviet or Parliament. He replaced Vitaly Vorotnikov, a member of the Kremlin's ruling Politburo, who became President of the federation.

The twin appointments were the latest in a series of top-level changes over the weekend.

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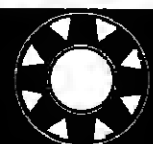
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INTERNATIONAL

Libya, Chad restore diplomatic relations

PARIS, Oct. 3, (AP): Libya and Chad, after years of bitter fighting, announced today they have restored diplomatic relations and will settle their territorial dispute "in a responsible and understanding spirit."

In a statement carried by the Libyan news agency JANA, which said it was issued simultaneously in the capitals of Libya, Chad and Togo, the two countries said they intended to "establish relations of good neighbourliness and co-operation."

Chad and Libya signed a ceasefire sponsored by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) in September 1987, although N'Djamena said afterwards Libyan aircraft still frequently intruded into Chadian airspace.

The ceasefire came after a four-week fight for control of the disputed Aouzou strip, the last in a series of sporadic battles since Libya annexed the strip in 1973. Thousands of Chadians and Libyans have died in the war, in which Chad was supported militarily by France, its former colonial ruler.

Diplomats from Togo were reportedly instrumental in bringing together Libya's Col. Moammar Khaddafi and President Hissene Habre of Chad, long bitter enemies, to restore diplomatic ties.

In the statement, Chad and Libya said they would respect the Sept. 11, 1987, cease-fire that ended their fighting in the mountainous deserts of northern Chad and "deal with their regional disagreement in a peaceful way."

By the end of October, Chad will send an ambassador to Tripoli and Libya will open a "people's bureau" — as it calls its embassies — in N'Djamena, the statement said.

Habre ousted a Libyan-backed government in 1982, but only succeeded in driving Libyan troops out of most of the country early last year, in a series of fighting attacks by Chadian soldiers in light trucks.

The remaining territorial dispute concerns the Aouzou strip, a 45,000-square mile strip of land thought to be rich in uranium, along the border between the two countries.

Seven-week-old strike ends

Burmese back to work

BANGKOK, Oct. 3, (Reuters): Tens of thousands of workers went back to their jobs in Rangoon today, ending six weeks of anti-government strikes after the Army threatened dismissal and imprisonment.

"I would say 90 per cent are going back to offices and factories," an opposition source in the Burmese capital told Reuters in a telephone interview.

Many buses were plying the city's streets, especially in factory areas, he said.

Buses have been a rare sight in the capital for over a month as strikes at oil refineries made petrol scarce.

"The people have gone back to work but I don't think that they will make effective work," the opposition source said.

Students have been plastering the city with posters urging workers to return by threats of lack of money to strike again after getting paid, or to stay at their jobs but do no work.

The Army set Oct. 3 as a

deadline for a return to work shortly after it seized power on Sept. 18 in what Western diplomats in Rangoon called a false coup designed to keep old guard militaristic socialist rulers in power.

Civil servants and workers at state enterprises, which covers virtually every industry in this tightly controlled economy, were told they would lose their jobs if they did not report back by Oct. 3.

Hours before the deadline was reached, official Radio Rangoon carried a warning that "effective action" would be taken against activists trying to prolong the strikes.

Crackdown
Over the weekend the government also outlawed any organisation whose members encouraged "the undermining or stopping of the operation of state administrative machinery." Violators face five-year prison terms.

The strikes, and accompanying massive demonstrations,

began in mid-August after a previous military crackdown on student protesters left thousands dead on the streets of Rangoon and other Burmese cities and towns.

Dissidents, diplomats and doctors say more than 1,000, most of them unarmed pro-democracy demonstrators, were killed in Rangoon alone after the Sept. 18 takeover.

"I think people are going back because the government has told them to and they are frightened that if they don't some of them might get killed to put it bluntly," a Western diplomat said.

"I mean, the sort of casual killing around the streets continues."

"They are frightened to stay away from work. Whether when they get there they will do a lot of work is another matter."

Opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi, said the law barring strike advocacy was a "direct attack on the democratic rights of the people."

India, Pakistan step up rescue missions

CHANDIGARH, Oct. 3, (AP): India stepped up rescue operations today in four flood-covered northern states where news reports said as many as 800 people have died.

In eastern Pakistan, government officials said on Sunday that more than nine million people had been left homeless by flooding. The official death toll was 31, but unofficial reports have said many more died.

In India's Punjab state, Governor S.S. Ray said the three major rivers in the region had receded below the danger level, allowing workers to step up relief efforts.

However, he said about 200,000 people were still marooned in 1,650 villages and at least 142 people were reported missing.

Relief workers used boats to rescue trapped villagers, officials said. Helicopters dropped packages of food and supplies into flooded areas, and Indian Air Force transport planes carried gasoline, diesel and kerosene into

areas where road and rail service was cut off.

Officials also were trying to determine the extent of crop damage in Punjab, which produces more than half of the country's wheat and rice.

The Associated Press of Pakistan reported that nearly 2,000 villages and more than 850,000 acres (344,250 hectares) of land were still under water following heavy mid-September rains.

Lahore, the ancient Punjab capital of 6 million people, remained cut off from most of western and northern Pakistan. Parts of the highway linking Lahore to the capital of Islamabad had been under water for several days.

Pakistani Army soldiers were flying over the hardest-hit areas and dropping food bags to people clinging to roofs. Food and medical supplies were also ferried to stranded residents by motor boat.

Officials said at least one million residents were forced to leave their homes.

Indonesia's last sultan dies in US

JAKARTA, Oct. 3, (Reuters): Indonesia's former vice-president and last official Sultan, Hamengkubuwono IX, died of a heart attack on Sunday in Washington, a family spokesman said.

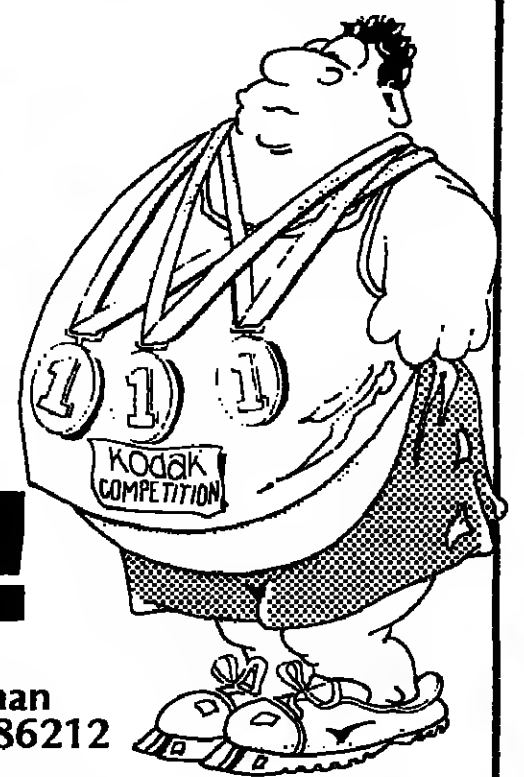
The sultan, 76, was the last royal ruler left from the feudal period in Indonesia, and was survived by four wives and 19 children. He has no designated successor.

The sultan left Indonesia on Sept. 14 for treatment for a urinary tract ailment and failing eyesight at George Washington University Medical Centre, the spokesman said.

His body will be flown to Indonesia for an elaborate traditional funeral.

The sultan linked the country's exotic past with its pragmatic present. After retiring from politics in the late 1970s he held absolute power in his sultanate, ruling with the title of governor of the special district of Yogyakarta.

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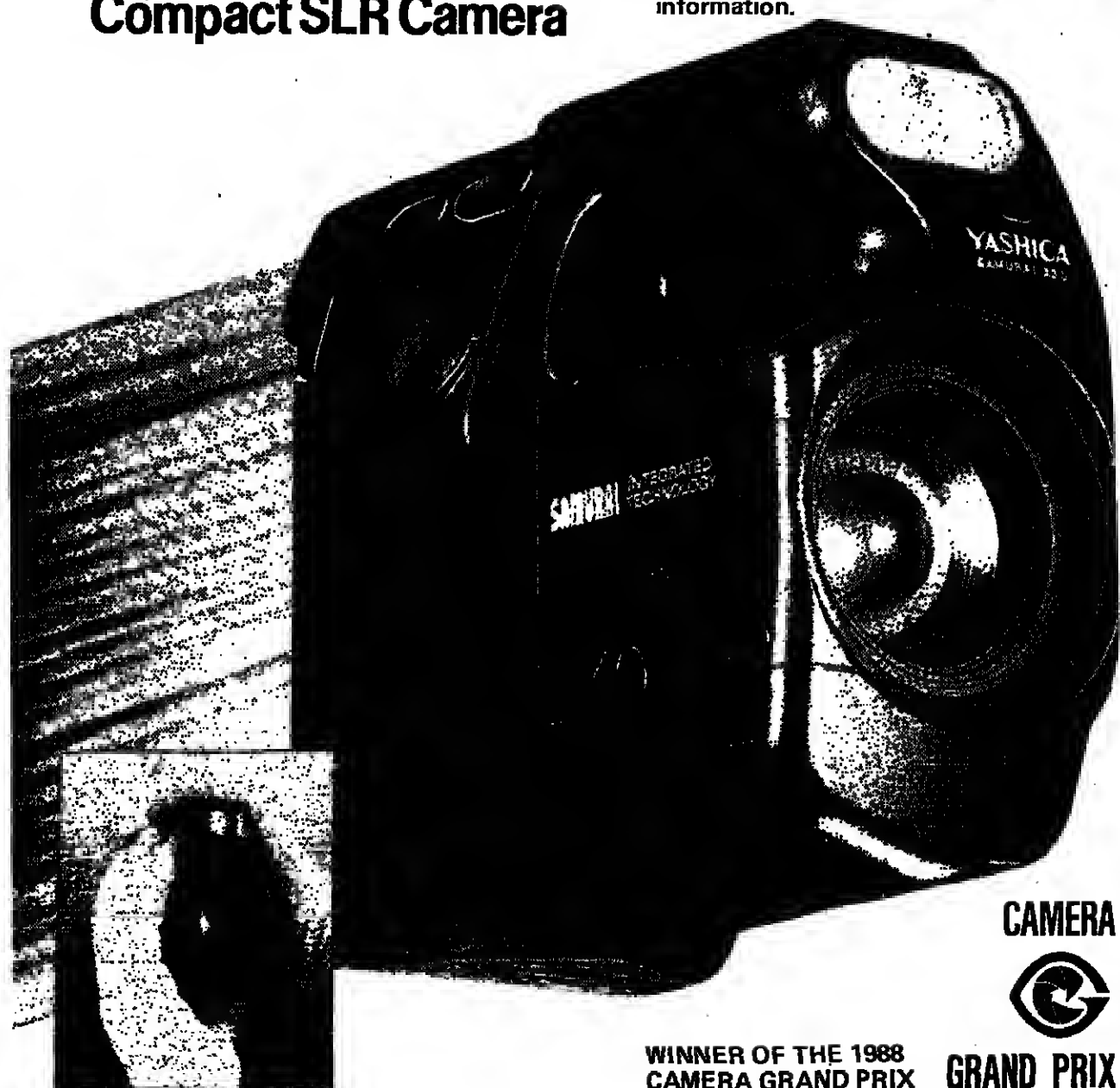
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INTERNATIONAL

Malaria, dysentery and pneumonia are on the rise

Floods devastate largest refugee camp in Ethiopia

ITANG, Ethiopia, Oct. 3, (Reuters). Severe flooding has devastated the largest refugee camp in Ethiopia, a city of thatched huts housing 213,000 victims who have fled from famine and civil war in southern Sudan.

The Baro River burst its banks in mid-August flooding a quarter of the camp and turning the rest into a sea of mud. Malaria, dysentery and pneumonia are on the increase and health officials fear an epidemic could break out at any moment. Drinking water supplies are contaminated and most of the camp's 213,000 inhabitants wash and defecate in the same muddy water that they drink.

Refusing

"What we have tried to do is to educate them about the water, but we don't seem to be making such progress," Kingalew Amaring, the UN official in charge of Itang, told Reuters.

"People are refusing to move

out of this unsanitary and congested situation. They just don't care. They are even fishing in the floodwaters around them," added Hadisb Asgedom, the Ethiopian government's chief representative at the camp.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), whose department supervises Itang, has distributed hundreds of tents in families whose small round huts are now thigh deep in water.

But most of the 45,000 people whose homes have been submerged prefer to either stay in their flooded dwellings or move in with friends on drier ground.

Luckier

"Living in a tent is not good for me, particularly since I have children," said Aweil Kuol, who shares her one-room hut in the middle of a muddy lake with 14 other people.

Kuol is luckier than most, for her family has built a mud wall around the hut to keep it dry. She

has to wade through water up to her waist every time she goes to see a neighbour.

"We are not as healthy as we used to be," she admits. "Some of the children are suffering from pneumonia and malaria."

Heavy rains which have provoked the worst flooding in 20 years in southern Ethiopia have also cut roads leading to this remote camp on Savannah lowlands near the Sudanese border, 500 km (300 miles) west of Addis Ababa.

Influx

The trucks are now getting through again, but Amaring, a Ghanaian, said Itang refugee camp was in a "desperate situation," with only five days of food stocks left in reserve.

Nearly 7,000 refugees camp, which houses 41,000 people, is still frequently cut off by a swollen river, Amaring added.

Famine and civil war in southern Sudan have sent over 320,000 refugees fleeing into Ethiopia

since 1983. A third of them have arrived in the past 12 months.

Amaring said heavy rains, which also hit southern Sudan, had reduced the influx of refugees to 3,000 in September from a record of 12,000 in August.

But the land will soon be drying out again and Amaring, the UNHCR's chief representative at Itang told Reuters that "we can probably expect an influx of 20,000 per month over the next six months."

The UNHCR is working on a plan to drain Itang and move its people to smaller, better settled settlements around the present camp, which will be provided with boreholes for safe drinking water, schools, clinics and other facilities.

The drainage work is due to begin this month as soon as the River Baro starts falling, but Amaring says the present crisis will persist for at least two months until the camp has completely dried out.



A youth group bow from their waists to pray for the early recovery of the gravely ill Emperor Hirohito in front of the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. (Reuters wirephoto)

Hirohito remains in stable condition

Japan's royal graves defaced

TOKYO, Oct. 3, (Reuters). Imperial graves in the old Japanese capitals of Kyoto and Nara were vandalised today in the first overt opposition to extensive sympathetic media coverage of Emperor Hirohito's illness.

Left-wing radicals scattered horse manure outside a burial mound in Nara reputed to contain the remains of Emperor Jimmu, the legendary first ruler of Japan, police said.

In nearby Kyoto, another of Japan's many former capital cities, police said a smoke bomb was exploded outside the tomb of the Meiji Emperor, Hirohito's grandfather.

In the same city, famous for its royal palaces, castles and temples, red paint was sprayed over an Imperial Household Agency

billboard while in Tokyo and elsewhere, there were several minor acts of vandalism which police said were anti-royalist.

The Association of Revolutionary Workers (Kakurokyo), a small but militant radical group, distributed leaflets on a Tokyo computer rail line saying "now is the time to get rid of the imperial system."

Hirohito remained in stable but critical condition after surviving the second crisis in his two-week fight against what is generally accepted to be cancer of the pancreas.

Imperial Household Agency officials have given few details of his illness beyond routine medical bulletins. They said today Hirohito had been given a further transfusion of blood

platelets in an attempt to stop internal bleeding and keep his fever under control.

Some of Japan's leftists, including the Communist Party, have branded Hirohito a war criminal.

However, during his illness there has been no criticism in the Japanese media of his role in leading his country into World War Two, prompting some analysts to warn that the spirit of nationalism which prevailed then could be allowed to return.

But the majority of those expressing an opinion about the 87-year-old monarch have been sympathetic. So far some 3.5 million people have registered their respect by signing books at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo and other locations.

Move to thwart a new coup bid

Three mutineers held in Manila

MANILA, Oct. 3, (UPI). Security forces combing the capital in a bid to thwart a new coup attempt against President Corason Aquino today arrested three mutineers, including a key leader in Col. Gregorio Honasan's bloody uprising last year, officials said.

Col. Francisco Baula, Capt. Roque Maranan and Constable Innocencio Cuyuca were nabbed at noon in the vicinity of the Amihan Day and Night Club in Manila's seafront Roxas boulevard, armed forces chief Gen Renato De Villa announced.

The arrest of the three brought to 73 the number of people captured in the past month in connection with a new right-wing plot to oust Aquino, military spokesmen said.

One of those earlier arrested was Lt. Col. Eduardo Matillano, a former provincial commander who seized the government television during the Honasan mutiny on Aug 28, 1987 that left 53 people dead and nearly toppled the Aquino government.

Baula led troops who took over Villamor Air Base, the Philippine Air Force headquarters adjacent to the Manila international airport, at the height of the August coup. He was then operations director of the supply wing at Villamor.

Maranan was a member of the elite guards of former President Ferdinand Marcos, who was ousted after 20 years in power in a civilian-backed military uprising in February 1986.

Missing

De Villa said in a statement the arrest of the three men was the result of follow up missions that had earlier netted 70 people under a military drive called "Operation Pacman."

A senior security official earlier said the arrests of the rebel soldiers yielded information detailing plans for a new coup attempt involving "ultra rightist elements" and receiving funds from "very high political personalities."

He said the recent arrests had "severely crippled" the plot to overthrow Aquino, who has survived five coup attempts since he became President 31 months ago.

UN soldier hurt in Tyre shelling

TYRE, Oct. 3, (AP). Israeli-backed Christian militiamen shelled a United Nations-policed village in South Lebanon today, wounding an Irish peacekeeper, three Lebanese women and an eight-year-old boy.

Tunur Goksel, spokesman for the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon, said the Irishman was injured in the head when a 60mm mortar round crashed into one of the Irish battalions posts in Qahrikha, 30 kilometres (18 miles) east of Tyre.

He would not give the Irishman's name.

The Lebanese police later said four villagers, including three women and the young boy, also were wounded in the bombardment.

Police said the South Lebanon Army militia opened up on the Muslim village after a roadside bomb exploded in the village of Qantara, in Israel's self-designated security zone in South Lebanon. It is not clear if anyone was hurt in the explosion.

SLA pledges allegiance to Aoun's cabinet

BEIRUT, Oct. 3, (AP). The ruler of Israel's "security zone" in South Lebanon pledged allegiance to the Christian cabinet in Lebanon's dual government today and urged the United States and Syria to reconsider their Lebanon policies.

Maj. Gen. Antoine Lahd, commander of the Israeli-backed South Lebanon Army militia, announced his stance at a news conference in Jizzine, the largest Christian town in South Lebanon with 30,000 people.

Jizzine, 25 miles (40 kilometres) south of Beirut, is the northern-most tip of Israel's self-proclaimed security zone.

In West Beirut, police said a bomb exploded in the abandoned Cula plant today, touching off a blaze caused by fire engines. Police said there were no casualties.

Bombs

Two other bombs exploded in garbage dumps elsewhere in the city's Muslim sector last night, causing no damage or casualties, police reported.

There have been 14 such bombings in the 11 days since the political crisis that cemented Lebanon's de facto partition into Muslim and Christian cantons run by rival cabinets.

"The cabinet formed by President (Amin) Gemayel under Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun is the legitimate government," said Lahd in his first public endorsement of the Christian cabinet. His news conference was broadcast by his militia's Voice of Hama radio station.

The United States and Syria are required to reconsider their policies in Lebanon," Lahd added.

He called on Syrian President Hafez Al Assad to make "friendly and sincere relations with the Lebanese for this is better for Syria's interests than seeking hegemony."

In a first reaction to Lahd, Nabih Berri, leader of the Shiite Muslim Amal militia and a minister in Hoss' cabinet said he was against military actions.

"If some in the security zone began threatening military measures, we affirm that we were and still are against any military actions," Berri was quoted as saying by the Muslim-controlled Voice of the Nation radio station.

Asked whether Parliament will convene to elect a new President in the near future, Berri was quoted as saying: "There will be no elections. We do not need them (the Christians)."

"We need one government, at least in the current stage, that will unite the country and form a new (political) system. It is not required to have a President that will rule without responsibilities."

Fighter planes

BERN, Oct. 3, (KUNA). The Swiss government today decided to buy 34 F-18 "Hornet" fighter planes from McDonnell-Douglas, at a cost of three billion francs (\$1.89 billion), instead of the General Dynamics F-16 "Falcon," although these were 15 per cent cheaper.

Defence Department chief Arnold Koller, speaking after a cabinet session at which the decision was finalised, said that the F-18 contained better electronic attack and defence systems, and was more easy to integrate into Switzerland's armed forces than its chief rival.

Bombing

JOHANNESBURG, Oct. 3, (Reuters). A bomb exploded in the South African port of Durban outside offices of an Indian candidate in nationwide municipal elections, police said today.

No one was injured in the blast about 9 pm (1900 GMT) yesterday, police spokesman Bala Naidoo told reporters.

He said the bomb was planted alongside a temporary structure set up by an unidentified candidate for the segregated Indian municipality of Wentworth district in this month's polls.

Kinnock wins support for policy change

BLACKPOOL, England, Oct. 3, (Reuters). Britain's opposition Labour Party looked set to make headway in reforms today, boosted by a sweeping endorsement of moderate leader Neil Kinnock's authority.

Kinnock won a landslide victory in a leadership challenge from veteran left-winger Tony Benn as the party's annual conference opened on Sunday evening in the northwest resort of Blackpool.

Deputy leader Roy Hattersley also fought off challenges from moderate shadow cabinet member John Prescott and Benn's running-mate Eric Heffer.

"It certainly is a direct mandate for unity and for change," a jubilant Kinnock said after the results were announced to some 2,000 delegates attending the conference.

The policy reforms were launched last year after Labour's third consecutive defeat by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's Conservative Party in general elections.

Goals

Focusing on the theme of "Labour values your values," the six-day conference got down to business today with a presentation of the party leadership's

overview of new policy goals entitled "Aims and values."

Kinnock will further spell out the reforms in seven major areas in his keynote speech on Tuesday, including a cautious move away from fundamental socialism towards acceptance of a mixed economy.

The 46-year-old Labour leader, who has headed the party for the past five years in opposition, has urged it to adopt a new direction tuned in the 1990's and opposed to what he has called the greed of the Thatcherite free-enterprise era.

But Labour leftwingers have charged the reforms are a

repudiation of socialism and move the party to the right.

Benn said the six-month leadership contest had brought socialism back in the spotlight and produced a stronger, better organised and more confident left within the party.

He said Sunday's outcome was due to the excessive power of trade unions in the party's complicated voting system. Under it the unions, Labour's biggest money backers, have 40 per cent of the votes in any ballot, while Members of Parliament and organisations representing rank and file party members have 30 per cent each.

Irishmen confess to kidnapping girl, 5

ABU DHABI, Oct. 3, (AP). Two Irishmen detained on kidnapping charges have admitted they were paid \$28,000 to kidnap a 5-year-old girl living with her father and smuggle her back to her divorced Irish mother, a police magazine reported today.

The Sharjah police magazine said Gerald Flynn and Dennis Deney, detained in Khair Fakkan, 200 miles (320 kms) south of Abu Dhabi, received the money at London's Heathrow airport from the mother's boyfriend, Desmond Wheeler.

Police have also questioned the girl, Nadine, and her father, Dr Samir Naser, a Jordanian, it said.

Flynn and Deney were arrested Sept 4 as they tried to smuggle the girl out of the country with an Irish passport they had brought with them, the magazine said.

Denying

Naser accused the two of entering his house and threatening him with a pistol, determined later to be a toy.

Flynn's brother, whose name was not disclosed, was quoted recently as denying the two Irishmen were paid to smuggle the girl, insisting they agreed to undertake such a task out of sympathy for the mother, Ann McManus.

The brother said the two

accused met the girl at her father's home in his absence and convinced her to go to her mother.

Diplomatic sources have said both Flynn and Deney were natives of Dublin. They have appeared once in court last month, but hearings were postponed indefinitely at the prosecution's request.

An Irish court had given Ms. McManus custody of the child after the parents divorced.

But the father later convinced his ex-wife to allow the girl to accompany him to Jordan on a three-week vacation in the Islamic country. There he obtained another court order granting him custody.

The physician works in Dubai.

Eight detained

MOSCOW, Oct. 3, (Reuters). Soviet police briefly detained eight people attending a weekend conference of the Democratic Union, a political group that has declared itself in opposition to the Communist Party, a member said today.

The police surrounded a suburban Moscow apartment building where the meeting was taking place yesterday and detained the eight as they were going in and out, spokesman Yuri Mityunov said.

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IMMEDIATELY

Local contractors will profit from peace, union head says

THE chairman of the Kuwait Contractors' Union, Abdulhadi Al Dousari, has said that the restoration of peace to the Gulf region will revitalize local contractors.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Dousari said that peace will reflect positively on the economic and development activities in the region. He said that markets which slumped during the past eight years will be reactivated and the reconstruction of areas devastated by the war will occupy contracting companies for several years.

Stagnation

He called for the necessary co-operation and co-ordination between the government and the private sector to face the challenge of competition from foreign multinational companies, which are fighting for the lion's share of contracting projects in the region.

Al Dousari said that the con-

tracting sector suffered severe stagnation during the war, the eruption of which coincided with several local and regional developments, including the Manakh crisis, the retreat in oil revenues and security difficulties.

However, the political thaw in the region will not be sufficient to completely solve the problems in the contracting sector, as these problems require sound planning, co-ordination and co-operation on both local and regional levels, he said.

Competition

Speaking of the role of the Contractors' Union in the reconstruction process, Al Dousari said that the union will involve itself in the work between the government and private companies with a view toward upgrading the contracting sector in the national economic interest.

He said that the union has intensified its efforts in the last

three years by organising seminars and preparing research studies in co-operation with the relevant government authorities. These efforts are designed to provide radical solutions to the sector's problems and to impose certain restrictions to deter speculators.

Replying to a question on the ability of local firms to participate in the reconstruction projects in Iran and Iraq, Al Dousari expressed confidence in their experience and added that the union is in touch with the Iraqi authorities to familiarise itself with their development projects.

He added, however, that even with the technical and administrative expertise of local companies, stiff competition can be expected from foreign firms, which enjoy the support of their governments.

Al Dousari called for similar support from government to the private sector here.

Public asked not to damage telephones

THE Ministry of Communications has incurred large expenses for repairing public telephones which had been damaged by vandals, according to an authoritative source at the ministry.

The ministry wishes to provide public telephone service in all areas and has begun a new plan to fix public telephones in public places and commercial complexes.

The owners of these facilities and complexes will have to bear the installation charges of these telephones and will have to ensure they are not damaged, the source said.

There are 43 public telephones in Kuwait City and 23 of these are in the Ministries Complex. The ministry removed a number of public telephones because they were continually being damaged.

The ministry has carried out many informational campaigns urging the public not to damage public telephones, the source concluded.

Saudia to start cargo flights to Taiwan

JEDDAH, Oct 3, (KUNA): Saudia, the national Saudi airline, will start cargo flights between the kingdom and Taiwan on Wednesday.

The first flight, which will open a new route for air cargo, will leave on Wednesday from Jeddah Airport for Taipei.

Saudia will host a reception that will be attended by a number of Taiwanese officials and Saudia agents in that country.

Saudia will also hold an exhibition that will highlight the company's development and accomplishments.

Three arrested for performing illegal abortions

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (KUNA): The Interior Ministry said today that after intensive investigations its detectives arrested an Indian national for illegally performing abortions.

Juafreniz Sikor admitted performing abortions on two Sri Lankan women. He said he was paid KD186 for each abortion.

The suspect confessed that three Sri Lankans were assisting him.

The Sri Lankans were arrested and admitted the accusations.

The defendants were referred to investigative authorities.

New ration card renewal system being planned

THIS year a new system will be introduced allowing citizens and expatriates to renew their ration cards through the 63 centres from October up to the end of December of each year.

Additionally, 15 other centres will be opened.

In an interview with a local daily, Mohammed Al Falah, head of the ration card department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry was quoted as saying that about 1.2 million citizens and residents benefitted from the cards.

He added that there is a strict system instituted to prevent manipulation of subsidised commodities, including reselling.

To obtain a new ration card, the applicant must submit his and his wife's passports. Residences should be valid for at least eight months prior to application date. Birth certificates should be provided for children, Al Falah said.

Tuition ban draws fire

THE Ministry of Education has taken a firm stand on the issue of private tuition and the decision to forbid private institutes from giving such tuition has given rise to strong reactions among educational officials.

Ibrahim Zakhran, the director of an institute, says that the decision has had negative effects on the relationship between institutes, parents and the ministry.

A representative of the commercial institutes handled a case against the Ministry of Education to try to sort out this issue. The case was upheld three months ago and a lawyer was appointed to follow up the case. Despite the fact that two court sessions have already taken place, the ministry has not presented any evidence in its favour, he said.

The court recently asked a number of parents to come to court to give their opinions on the issue.

Advantage

Abkal Al Abkal, the owner of a private institute, says that the poor results among general secondary students last year are proof of the need for private tuition. Institutes offered reasonably priced lessons which did not conflict with any ministry curriculum, and were clearly effective in improving students

levels, he said.

He added that the Kuwait Teachers' Society took advantage of the ministry decision and organised courses at high fees. Many students have already withdrawn from these courses because of the cost.

Sayel Abdulrahman said that banning private tuition has forced many parents to appoint teachers to give their children lessons at home. This could have been avoided if the ministry had been more supportive in the matter, he said.

French School fees announced

THE French School has been permitted tuition fees on the same level authorised for first class foreign schools, according to a decision issued by the Minister of Education Anwar Abdullah Al Nouri.

The decision is effective from the present scholastic year and determines fees for different stages as follows:

Kindergarten, KD575; Primary, KD980; Intermediate, KD1,085 and Secondary, KD1,110.

The school is allowed to collect privilege fees of KD25 per pupil.

Project teaches skills to needy

A SPOKESMAN for the Zakat House said that 100 families receiving aid will soon be able to support themselves.

He added that the production-oriented project undertaken by the House is considered a pioneering enterprise aimed at fulfilling the teachings of Islam and the directives of the Prophet (PBUH).

The project trains able members of needy families and provides monthly monetary

incentives and transportation to enable them to support their families, the spokesman said.

Fifteen women were trained last year in sewing, dressmaking, embroidery and other arts. Forty-eight women are now being trained in similar fields.

The House will purchase sewing machines for trainees and market their products until the women become self-sufficient and repay the cost of the machines, the source said.



Work of trainees on display.

Child welfare should be top priority, official says

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (KUNA): A Kuwaiti childcare official today urged Arab policy-makers to treat childhood development as a top priority and to tailor programmes accordingly.

The call was made by head of the Kuwaiti Society for the Advancement of Childhood, Dr Hassan Ali Ibrahim, who was addressing a ceremony marking Arab Child Day. He said the event reflected a growing awareness of the need for greater attention to children in the Arab world.

Al Ibrahim cited the dangers menacing Arab children and he

said he deplores the fact that 3,500 children die daily in the Arab world from curable diseases.

One-fifth of the young victims could be immunised against such ailments through proper vaccination, he said.

Al Ibrahim, a former education minister, said some 8 million Arab children are deprived of minimal education.

Children under 14 years of age account for around 45 per cent of the Arab population, Al Ibrahim said. Serious efforts should be made to develop this sizeable portion of the nation, he said.

Pension funds to be returned

RIYADH, Oct 3, (Reuters): Saudi Arabia intends to repay foreign workers their contributions to a pension fund which was cancelled last year, expatriates said today.

They said they received application forms from the General Organisation for Social Insurance to claim back the contributions, estimated to total

billions of riyals. The repayments also are expected to be made to expatriates who have left the country.

Foreigners working in the private sector had to pay 5 per cent of their salaries to the pension plan from the mid-1970s to early 1987 when King Fahd cancelled it.



HH the Amir yesterday received the visiting Cypriot Communications and Works Minister Nakos Protopapas (centre).

Shultz will meet with Sheikh Sabah

UNITED NATIONS, Oct 3, (KUNA): US Secretary of State George P. Shultz will meet on Monday with Kuwaiti Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad and other Arab foreign ministers.

In the evening, Shultz will host a dinner in honour of the six foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) aboard the yacht "Highlander."

Monday's talks will begin with a breakfast meeting with Egyptian Foreign Minister Abdel Meguid, followed by talks with Jordanian Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

The meeting with Sheikh Sabah is scheduled for 11:30 am local time (15:40 GMT). In the afternoon, Shultz is scheduled to see Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaf, Bahraini Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Bin Mubarak Al Khalifa and Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

London firm, three airlines sign agreement

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (KUNA): The three Arab Gulf airlines, Kuwait Airways, Saudia and Gulf Air will sign an agreement on Tuesday in Bahrain with the Heathrow Airport-based Mariot Company to offer supplies and meals prepared under Islamic Sharia.

Aviation Services Limited will share the nine million pounds sterling capital equally between Mariot the three airlines which will each pay one-third, board chairman of Kuwait Airways Corp. Ahmed Al Mishari told KUNA today.

Mishari, who will head for Manama on Monday as head of Kuwait Airways delegation, said a feasibility study revealed that the company will make no less than 10 per cent annual profit in addition to other numerous benefits.

The study also indicated that there are over 20 Arab and Islamic airlines operating out of Heathrow Airport in London, spending some 17 million pounds sterling annually on food and other provisions.

Iraqi experts study diversion of waterway

RIYADH, Oct 3, (Reuters): A senior Iraqi official was quoted today as saying Iraq is seriously studying an ambitious scheme to divert the strategic Shatt Al Arab waterway away from its border with Iran.

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Saadoun Hamadi, said in remarks published by the Saudi-owned newspaper, Asharq Al Awsat, that a decision on the plan had been referred to a panel of experts.

"Iraq is seriously discussing the decision and it has been referred to a committee of experts and specialists to give their opinion," he told the London-based paper.

Outlet

The waterway, forming the southern Iraq-Iran border, is at the centre of a dispute in UN-mediated talks aimed at achieving a comprehensive peace settlement in the Gulf war.

The Shatt Al Arab represents Iraq's only outlet to the Gulf from its southern port of Basra, which has been inoperable since the Gulf war began in September

1980.

Days before the war erupted, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein tore up a 1975 Algiers Agreement which set the southern border with Iran down the centre of the waterway.

Iranian Armed Forces Commander Ali Akbar Hasbemi Rafsanjani was quoted by the Iranian News Agency IRNA last month as saying the plan to divert the waterway was ridiculous.

"We will give more explanations about the issue whenever we feel the matter is more serious," IRNA, monitored in Cyprus, reported him as saying.

The waterway also serves Abadan, Iran's main pre-war oil centre which was destroyed during the eight-year conflict.

Diplomats in Baghdad said last month the plan was economically feasible and could effectively end the dispute over the waterway.

The plan could involve deepening and widening an existing channel, the Shatt Al Basra, which branches off from the Shatt Al Arab to the west.

All countries urged to report AIDS cases

ABU DHABI, Oct 3, (Reuters): The United Arab Emirates (UAE) today called for full disclosure by all countries with AIDS cases.

"All countries should come forward and announce the amount of AIDS cases and virus carriers they have as we are living in an area where we don't know how many cases there are," Health Ministry Undersecretary Abdul Rahim Jafar said.

Protects

He told an international conference on the disease that the UAE screened 675,000 people since 1985 and detected the AIDS virus in 314. The UAE has reported 22 deaths from AIDS.

Some Arab countries have reported no cases of AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome), which is usually transmitted through sexual contact or contaminated blood.

Most Arab countries have reported very few cases.

Some countries have said Islam's strict moral code protects Muslim societies from the disease, but a US doctor told the meeting she did not believe they are any less vulnerable to AIDS.

"AIDS depends on individual behaviour, mainly sexual behaviour, and in that sense the whole human family is equally susceptible if the virus becomes present," said June Osborne of the University of Michigan.

Ministry working to eradicate begging

By Naser Al Tamimi

MOHAMMAD Abdul Latif Al Subaih, director of the social services department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour was quoted in an interview with Al Seyassah as saying that begging in Kuwait is considered unwholesome.

This ministry co-operates with the municipality to eradicate this phenomenon and these efforts have proved fruitful during the past few years, the official said.

A committee, formed in 1976 is entrusted with solving the problem of begging and assisting needy Kuwaiti citizens and families.

Disappearing

A number of merchants who previously distributed alms if the market have been stopped from doing so. Elderly and retired people who need financial assistance should contact the ministry which will look into their cases on an individual basis.

Expatriates fall within the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Interior as this category comes under the laws of residence permits, Al Subaih added.

During last year, only 15 non-

Kuwaiti beggars were arrested, evidence that this phenomenon is disappearing.

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour has appointed inspectors to eradicate the begging menace and called on people to co-operate with these officials, the director said.

Children

Brigadier Mohammad Al Khader, acting security director at Ahmadi governorate, emphasised that children also resort to begging by selling items on streets.

Children who deal on streets and close to traffic lights and other places like schools, public gardens and residential areas pose a danger to themselves and others.

Most culprits have been seized by officials in co-operation with the Ministry of Interior, he said. The children are dealt with on a special basis by relevant authorities, Al Khader said.

The official also talked about several types of freelance salesmen. The first includes fruit and vegetable dealers who usually are located at entrances of areas and at some inner roads.

The second type deals in readymade articles and perfumes.

The third kind are dealers who operate from stalls inside commercial markets.

Al Khader said that there are laws limiting the practices of these dealers. Each of these commodities has a distinct place where they are permitted to be sold. Violators are prosecuted, he added.

Bangladesh thanks Kuwait

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (KUNA): HH the Amir received a written message from the President of Bangladesh Hussein Mohammed Ershad.

The message expressed the appreciation of President Ershad, his government and the people of Bangladesh for the aid provided by Kuwait to help the flood ravaged country overcome its ordeal.

The Ambassador of Bangladesh to Kuwait Mohammed Shehabuddin delivered the message today to Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Saoud Al Osaimi.

Former Indonesian vice-president dies

THE Indonesian embassy will open a book of condolences at its premises in 32 Nuzha main street, block 3-Nuzha area, from 9.00 am till noon today and Wednesday due to the death of Indonesia's former vice-president Sri Sultan Hamengku Buwono IX. He died on Sunday, in George Washington University Hospital, Washington D.C., USA.

Sports and youth council planned

AN AMIRI Decree will be issued soon establishing the Higher Council for Sports and Youth, according to a local daily.

HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah met with experts in athletics to obtain their views and recommendations on the establishment of the Council.

Procedures to hire maids outlined

THE embassy of the Philippines has announced that due to restrictions adopted by the government of the Philippines in deploying domestic helpers abroad except to exempted categories of employers, the following procedures are effective immediately.

Exempted employers must secure from the embassy an application form to employ a domestic helper.

The employer must submit an employment agreement to the embassy along with a copy of the No Objection Certificate (NOC) with an English translation from authorised translators.

The employer must send an approved employment contract and air ticket to the employee in the Philippines.

Exempted categories include: immediate members of the family of the head of state and government; ministers, deputy ministers and other senior government officials; members of the diplomatic corps and international organisations and employers in countries with which the Philippines have a bilateral labour agreement or understanding.

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HE that will not apply new remedies must expect new evils — Roger Bacon, English philosopher (about 1214-1284).

US stumbles again in Lebanese quagmire

By Peter Smerdon

BEIRUT. (Reuters): The American Stars and Stripes smothered then splinters Lebanon, shattering the country. "From rescue to ruin," reads the caption.

Headlined "The American mistake," the cartoon echoes Iranian anti-American posters deriding Washington's Middle East policy as self-serving, divisive and ineffectual.

For many Muslims and leftists to Lebanon as well as Palestinians, Washington has long been an alien, hostile power seeking to carve out and hold a sphere of interest in the Middle East in the face of Arab nationalism and Islam.

This time, though, the criticism came from a television station run by Lebanon's hardline Christian faction which projects itself as the natural ally of the West and a bulwark against both communism and fundamentalist Islam.

"The Americans burned their fingers with Lebanon's Christians," said one diplomat.

Humbled

American sheltering in their fortress-like embassy know to their cost how a superpower can be humbled by the tactics of the weak, from radical bomb-maker to kidnapper.

A suicide bomber left the US embassy building in ruins in April 1983. In October the same year, US Marines were slaughtered at their Beirut base and in a show of superpower frustration, the US battleship New Jersey shelled the hills above Beirut with its 16-inch guns.

In recent months, US has been trying again in Lebanon — its first major initiative here in five years.

The aim, diplomats say, was straightforward: to ensure the election of a new president without a revival of the communal bloodshed that has torn Lebanon apart in 13 years of civil war.

Beirut was revived as a element in a US drive for Arab-Israeli peace, the release of American hostages held in Lebanon by pro-Iranian militants and the neutralisation of what Washington regards as terrorist outfits based in the country.

To achieve that, a working relationship with Syria was deemed essential. With 25,000 of its troops in the country, the neighbouring state is the main

external influence in Lebanon.

The American initiative began last March, with convoys shuttling between Beirut and Damascus for the first time since Syria in 1983 torpedoed the last US initiative.

The idea was to find a Lebanese presidential candidate acceptable to the major rivals to the Lebanese civil war — someone who could inch his way towards lasting peace.

Today, Lebanon has two rival governments, no president and leaders on the brink of formal partition.

"The situation looks bad," said a Western diplomat. "The Americans, because they couldn't deliver, are now in a weaker position than the Syrians."

With Israel occupying part of south Lebanon, Iranian Revolutionary Guards in the east, Libyan money flowing to Palestinian and Druze factions and Syrian troops in west Beirut and the north, a new round of the fighting that has torn the country for 13 years seems inevitable.

Chaos

What went wrong with the initiative which has now left Washington searching for a policy to help avert further chaos?

On Aug 18, when the Lebanese parliament failed to reach a quorum for the presidential poll, the US diplomatic initiative moved into high gear.

US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy flew to Damascus for 16 hours of talks in which a relatively little known Maronite deputy, Michel Daher, emerged as a compromise candidate.

Diplomats said that in exchange for American support for Daher, Murphy received assurances that Syria would use its influence to free the 10 American kidnappers.

America's job was to cajole Christian deputies into turning up for the presidential poll and casting their votes for Daher.

But Christian militants, spearheaded by the Lebanese Forces militia, regarded Daher's candidacy as a Syrian-American attempt to impose a president on the country. They successfully blocked the second election attempt.

Instead, on Sept 22, outgoing President Amin Gemayel set up an interim military administration headed by Maronite Christian Army commander Michel Aoun.

Botha's reform policies grind to virtual halt

By Jack Reed

JOHANNESBURG. (UPI): President Pieter W. Botha celebrated his 10th year in power on Wednesday searching for a foreign policy success to lift his popularity from its lowest ebb among the ruling white minority unhappy with his policy of racial reform.

Botha has allowed his programme to ease racial segregation to grind to a virtual halt, amid increasing concern about the threat of the Conservative party that pledges to revive the basic tenets of apartheid.

A relentless crackdown on black opposition is now in its 27th month, there are no signs that emergency rule which sharply curtails civil rights is about to be lifted, and a formula for sharing national power with non-whites continues to exclude the black majority.

Failed

With the middle ground narrowing, Botha has failed to appease forces on either side of the white political spectrum, let alone in the black majority, and caused a rift among members of the once close-knit Afrikaner community.

His efforts to satisfy both blacks and whites have instead alienated both camps. Nor has he won acclaim abroad for his limited reforms.

To the businessman, his has been the administration under which sanctions from abroad and economic hard times have become realities; to the sportsman, he has failed to achieve the removal of bans on South Africans competing abroad.

To poor white Afrikaners, Botha's limited reforms have removed one of the founding principles of apartheid by offering greater opportunities for

blacks to compete for jobs previously reserved for whites.

That economic alienation, in turn, has outured the rightist Conservative party, which appeals to traditional Afrikaners.

In short, Botha has gained few allies in his 10 years in power.

Investments

Faced with dwindling returns on his domestic investments, he is looking across South Africa's borders for a success that may swing both domestic and foreign opinion in his favour.

While Botha celebrated his anniversary with his wife and family on Wednesday, his negotiators were meeting with Cuban and Angolan officials in Brazzaville, the Congolese capital, trying to thrash out independence for neighbouring Namibia under a US-arranged plan.

Botha has linked independence — 10 years after a UN Security Council resolution calling on South Africa to surrender its control of the territory — to withdrawal of Cuban troops from Angola, to the north of Namibia.

Namibian independence would be a significant diplomatic and political achievement, particularly in the eyes of Botha's handful of supporters overseas, including President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

Policy

Two weeks ago, Botha took his foreign policy initiative to Mozambique, a Marxist state ravaged by a war with right-wing guerrillas trained by South Africa. Botha, hailing a new era of co-operation with Mozambique, pledged South Africa had ended its assistance to the rebels.

Clearly, however, no single foreign policy success will end the widespread criticism of Botha.

Production of banned chemical weapons

Darkest chapters of Japan's wartime history

By Irene M. Kunil

TOKYO. (AP): Japanese researchers are unearthing a wealth of information about some of the darkest chapters of their country's wartime history: their nation's production of banned chemical weapons, and its macabre germ warfare experiments on prisoners of war.

The investigators are being met with official silence, however. School textbooks still ignore the issue.

As international concern mounts over the use of chemical weapons in the Middle East, critics here point out that Japan has yet to fully address its own role in the use of toxic gases until 1945 or acknowledge the grisly experiments conducted by the Kwantung Army's notorious Unit 731 in China.

Secret

Hisashi Yamanaka, a writer and collector of war documents, has discovered official reports showing the Japanese military planned wide distribution of poison-gas weapons in China, in violation of treaties that Japan had signed.

"These are the most detailed,

official accounts of Japanese military deeds uncovered until now," said Yamanaka, pointing to pamphlets yellowed with age and stamped "Top secret."

The Japanese government has never denied the existence of the germ warfare unit or use of gas weapons by the Japanese Imperial Army. But officials maintain there is insufficient evidence to determine the extent of Japan's involvement with gas and germ weapons because all documents were destroyed at the end of the war.

Yamanaka, 57, whose rummaging through old book stores finally paid off last year, said his find shows not everyone followed orders to burn their records.

"Riichi Naito, who served as an assistant to Lt. Gen. Shiro Ishii, head of Unit 731, kept his records. After he passed away, relatives unknowingly sold off his books," Yamanaka said in an interview at his suburban home in Fujisawa.

He said the documents state that Unit 731, based in Harbin, Manchuria, had spread out to encompass 26 experimental centres around China by 1940 and was employing over 10,000 peo-

ple. They also state that the unit was experimenting with growing disease-producing organisms, preparing vaccines and conducting bacteriological tests on prisoners.

Nagasaki University's Keiichi Tsuneishi, a specialist in the history of science, verified Yamanaka's documents and made the results public at an international conference in San Diego, California, in August.

Results

Though news stories from the San Diego meeting were widely published in Japan, Yamanaka doubts that those and other revelations will bring the government to respond to allegations of wartime excesses.

"It would make Japan look evil," he said. "Moreover, there is always the possibility that research is still continuing today and they (the government) want to keep it confidential."

The government, however, takes a strong public position against chemical weapons. Japan said it welcomed US President Ronald Reagan's call Sept 26 before the UN General Assembly for a chemical-weapons ban "on a verifiable and global basis."

Tsuneishi says Unit 731 injected Chinese and Russian prisoners with typhus, cholera and a variety of other germs, induced gangrene, vivisectioned some people and froze others to death in endurance tests.

After the war, Ishii, the head of the unit, was questioned by US occupation authorities but wasn't prosecuted.

Immunity

Tsuneishi and others maintain that the United States gave immunity to such Japanese researchers in exchange for their data, because the United States had only begun gas and germ warfare research in 1944 and wanted to gain headway in the field.

At a conference on China last month in San Diego, California, Edward Drea, acting chief of the research division of the US Army Centre of Military History, said there was no evidence to prove the United States made any deals with the Japanese in return for data.

"There's a difference between allegations and factual evidence, and we just couldn't find the factual evidence," Drea said.

On the small island of Okuno in the inland sea near Hiroshima,

Hatsuichi Murakami, 62, opened a small museum in July — the only testimony to Japanese workers in a secret chemical weapons factory there.

Outrage

"The residents of Okuno decided to open this museum to teach others that chemical weapons are an outrage against humanity," Murakami said in a raspy voice. He like many of his surviving co-workers, suffers from respiratory illness, a legacy of the five years he worked in the chemical factory from 1940.

The factory, which was destroyed by allied forces in 1945, produced deadly mustard gas, the blistering poison gas lewisite, nausea gas and highly dangerous hydrocyanic acid gas for use against China.

Stories

"We produced some 1,200 tons annually during the peak years from 1940-43. ... There were healthy people when I went in, young girls and boys, but we had to work long hours and the level of gas sometimes reached dangerous levels," Murakami said in a telephone interview from Okuno, some 400 miles (640 kilometres) southwest of Tokyo.

In mid-September, many newspapers carried news stories reporting research by Yuki Tanaka, a Japanese teaching in Australia, on people who worked in the Okuno island factory.

A separate document released by Yamanaka and also reported widely in the Japanese press in September outlined military plans to distribute gas weapons in China during the height of the Japanese military offensive in 1938.

Since 1981 there have been controversies in Japan about whether to include material in school textbooks on how Japan used chemical weapons in the war.

But the Education Ministry, which has final say on content of textbooks, says the evidence is not conclusive.

"We have not gathered enough evidence to specify it as a historical event," a ministry spokesman said in September. After World War I, Japan joined other nations in signing the Treaty of Versailles and a separate protocol in 1925 prohibiting the use of chemical weapons. In 1939 the military erased Okuno island from Japanese maps to keep its chemical-weapons factory a secret.



By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON. (Reuters): This week's vice-presidential debate could force Democrats to abandon their efforts to scare Americans with what they say would be a nightmare — "President Quayle."

Charges that Republican presidential candidate George Bush demonstrated abominable judgement in choosing 41-year-old Indiana Senator Dan Quayle as his running mate have become a staple of Democratic campaign speeches as polls show many Americans think he is unqualified for the job.

"I think for most people the notion of 'President Quayle' is a very, very troubling notion," Democratic standard bearer Michael Dukakis said in his Sept 25 debate with Bush.

Quayle, a babyfaced conservative now serving his second term in the Senate, has been the subject of controversy and ridicule almost from the moment he was tapped for the number two spot on his party's ticket.

Influence

He spent his first two weeks on the ticket fighting off charges that he used family influence to avoid Vietnam combat by winning a spot in the home-based National Guard.

He has also been under fire for an admittedly mediocre academic record, a Congressional career that has produced few concrete achievements and his sometimes fumbling efforts to discuss his position on a variety of issues.

But Democratic strategists say Dukakis, who regularly boasts that no one has questioned the qualifications of Democratic vice-presidential candidate Lloyd Bentsen, may have backed himself into a corner with his

Quayle gets chance to answer doubters

frontal assault on Quayle by lowering expectations of the Indiana senator.

"The odds are in Quayle's favour," former White House press secretary Jody Powell says of tomorrow's debate between Quayle and Bentsen. It will be very difficult for Dan Quayle to look as bad as the Democrats say he is.

Powell, the veteran of Democrat Jimmy Carter's two presidential campaigns, likened Quayle's position to that of Ronald Reagan eight years ago.

"In 1980 we had brought that race to dead even by early October and we had done it primarily by making Ronald Reagan look scary to people," he told Reuters in reference to Reagan's now fading image as a trigger-happy cold warrior.

"What really cut us off at the knees was that he didn't come across as scary. He came across as being one of the unscariest fellows a guy would want to meet," Powell said.

Some campaign insiders think Bentsen, a lanky, silver-haired Texan who looks every one of his 67 years, may come across as a tired, old political war horse in contrast to his handsome and vigorous rival.

Effective

Washington hands from both parties rate Bentsen an effective legislator who is better qualified than his rival to move up to the presidency, but there are doubts his stature will come across in a debate where visual images tend to dominate.

"It could turn out that the status gap between Bentsen and

Quayle is painfully obvious," nonpartisan political analyst William Schneider said. "It is at least equally likely that Quayle will seem young and tough and aggressive and Bentsen seems a little old and tired."

"Bentsen is not the most dynamic candidate in the world," Republican Peter Teelie, a former press secretary to Bush, said.

Teelie suggested that members of the Dukakis camp may have been smarter to hold their anti-Quayle salvos until after the debate and a poor performance. As it is, he said the Democrats have set Quayle up for a breakthrough.

Crucial

The outcome of the vice-presidential debate could be crucial in what is shaping up as a close election.

Recent opinion polls show Dukakis narrowly trailing Bush in popular votes. A variety of estimates show the Democrat further back in the race for the electoral college votes that actually determine the Nov 8 election outcome.

Democratic strategist Bob Beckel, who managed Walter Mondale's 1984 presidential campaign, says Quayle could help the Democrats close the electoral college gap if he performs poorly in tomorrow night's debate.

"If Bush loses by a half point or so in Ohio, Illinois or places like that, Quayle could be the principal reason."

But the Democrats will lose valuable ammunition if Quayle passes muster with voters tomorrow night.

Seoul triumphs after staging biggest Olympic Games

By Roger Crabb

SEOUL. (Reuters): South Korea triumphantly brought down the curtain on the biggest Olympics in history on Sunday and cast around for new worlds to conquer.

The country which rose in a generation from war-ravaged wasteland to economic powerhouse splashed \$3 billion to make the Seoul Games a dazzling national coming-of-age party.

Despite fears at home and abroad, no incident marred the spectacle.

There was no mass Olympic boycott in Seoul, no terrorist attack and only a scattering of student violence — none near the Games venues.

Massive security failed to dampen the festive mood. A record 160 countries took part, putting politics aside to stand, in the words of the Games theme song, "Hand in Hand."

Now that its efforts have been rewarded and the party is over, a newly self-confident South Korea plans to harness its redoubtable "can-do spirit" to achieve other goals.

Tensions

These include joining the ranks of the world's advanced nations by the year 2000, easing tensions with communist North Korea in hopes of eventual peaceful reunification and, at home, ensuring that democracy takes firm root after decades of Army-backed repression.

On the international stage Seoul will be seeking ways of setting up formal ties with the Soviet Union, China and the other communist states which attended the games despite having no diplomatic relations with the host country.

South Korean officials believe these countries, apart from their huge trade potential, are the key

to breaking down North Korea's icy refusal to discuss an end to confrontation 35 years after the end of the fratricidal Korean war.

Moscow and Beijing are staunch allies of Pyongyang but they both rejected North Korean pressure to boycott the Seoul Games, ensuring they were the first truly global Olympics since 1972.

The grateful South Koreans did everything to spare them political embarrassment, making it clear that Seoul would welcome anyone seeking to defect. Nobody did.

Festivities

The Russians in exchange took part wholeheartedly in the Olympic festivities, not just in the sports arena — where they topped the gold medal table with 55 but in human contacts and also on the cultural fringe.

The decision to send the Bolshoi Ballet and the Moscow Symphony Orchestra to the Olympic cultural festival delighted their hosts, who openly compared the general friendliness of the Soviet delegation with what many South Koreans felt was arrogant, boorish behaviour by some American athletes and accompanying media.

In unprecedented scenes for a country locked into a close anti-communist alliance with the United States since the 1950s, Koreans cheered Soviet athletes against Americans. At their men's basketball grudge match, girls in the crowd held up placards reading "CCCP" (USSR in Cyrillic script).

Though such incidents can be put down to heat-of-the-moment gestures at a time of nationalist fervour, the Olympics may come to be seen as a watershed in Seoul's relations with Washington.

As local commentators note repeatedly, many South Koreans believe it is time to redefine bilateral ties and put an end to what they see as a humiliating "master-servant relationship".

A particularly sore point has been the unrelenting barrage of US trade demands. Seoul, which is running a huge trade surplus with Washington, is under heavy pressure to revalue its currency drastically and throw open domestic markets to a range of US goods from beef and cigarettes to movies.

Concessions

An early gesture of defiance on this issue could come when the South Korean parliament meets next week. Political analysts say the opposition-controlled chamber is in no mood to grant any of the concessions Washington seeks.

The trade issue is one of the clouds hanging over Seoul as it tries to avoid a post-Olympic hangover.

A trade war with the United States, or with the European Economic Community which also wants Seoul to liberalise its markets, would harshly affect the growth of South Korea's booming export-led economy.

Other problems are home-grown — a likely explosion in wage demands this autumn which could hit exports, and fears of a political crisis as parliament goes flat out to bring former strongman Chun Doo Hwan to book for alleged abuses of power.

President Roh Tae-Woo's advisers say he is determined to see the truth on the allegations revealed by year's end, so that his government — Chun's political heirs — can enter 1989 with a clean sheet and concentrate on strengthening democratic institutions.

By Doug Long

OTTAWA. (Reuters): Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney enters his second election campaign with a chance to succeed that few would have thought possible only a year ago — and with the future of a controversial free trade agreement with the United States hanging in the balance.

It has been a roller-coaster ride for Mulroney's Progressive Conservative government since winning the biggest parliamentary majority in Canadian history in September 1984.

The stunning victory ended nearly two decades of Liberal Party rule under charismatic Pierre Trudeau as Canadians voted overwhelmingly for Mulroney's promise of change.

But within months of taking power, the inexperienced conservatives were floundering with a string of cabinet resignations, spending scandals, two bank failures and plummeting popularity.

Untrustworthy

Mired in last place in public opinion polls, the 49-year-old Quebec native was criticised for lacking a national vision and was labelled as untrustworthy by the opposition.

The fluently bilingual former corporate lawyer, who had made closer ties with the United States a cornerstone of conservative economic and foreign policy, seized on the idea of a free trade pact with the US to turn around party fortunes.

Mulroney, backed by President Reagan, argued that the deal was good for both countries and necessary to secure access to the US market which already received 75 per cent of Canada's exports.

The deal that was hammered out over 18 months of tough negotiations would eliminate remaining tariffs between the two countries over a 10-year

Mulroney's years in power turbulent

period beginning Jan 1.

While free trade and Mulroney's credibility are likely to be major campaign themes, the prime minister will also stress the generally sound performance of the Canadian economy over the last four years.

Whether by good luck or good management, the economy has prospered with unemployment falling to about eight per cent from double digit levels through the creation of more than one million new jobs.

Meanwhile inflation stabilised

at about four per cent per year, the dollar held steady and the country's trade surplus remained high.

The conservatives were also handed a campaign bonus when both the opposition Liberals and left-leaning New Democrats came out against free trade.

Liberal leader John Turner alienated the business community with his promise to tear up the free trade deal, arguing that Canadian sovereignty was threatened by the removal of trade barriers.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1539 — Marriage treaty is signed for England's King Henry VIII to wed Anne of Cleves.
- 1824 — Republic of Mexico is proclaimed.
- 1853 — Turkey declares war on Russia.
- 1865 — Napoleon III and Otto Von Bismarck meet at Biarritz, where Napoleon III agrees to Prussian supremacy in Germany and to a united Italy.
- 1910 — Portugal's King Manuel II flees to England on outbreak of revolution in Lisbon.
- 1930 — Brazilian revolution, with Getulio Vargas becoming new president.
- 1945 — French wartime collaborator Pierre Laval is put on trial in Paris as traitor in World War II, and later is executed.
- 1957 — Soviet Union puts first spacecraft into orbit around earth, heralding start of space age.
- 1969 — China announces two nuclear weapons tests, including hydrogen bomb explosion in atmosphere.
- 1973 — Peace talks begin in Northern Ireland in attempt to end five years of conflict that has taken almost 900 lives.
- 1977 — India's former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi is released from police custody less than 24 hours after her arrest on charges of political corruption.
- 1980 — Islamic representatives from 38 nations move to have UN General Assembly call for Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.
- 1986 — Fire breaks out in Soviet nuclear-powered submarine carrying ballistic missiles, and three people are reported dead.
- 1987 — Iran and Iraq report civilian casualties from shelling on their border communities.

THE prodigy as prodigal — a remarkable movie biography of the 18th-century musical genius Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Amadeus, will be shown at the Kuwait Cine Club premises on Wednesday.

Amadeus was the big winner in the 1984 Academy Awards sweepstakes — nominated for 11 and winner of eight, including Best Picture, Best Actor (F. Murray Abraham), Best Director and Best Adapted Screenplay.

This lavishly mounted screen version of the Broadway hit about the musical prodigy Mozart was expanded and restructured by playwright Peter Shaffer with the assistance of director Milos Forman.

Forman had seen the 1979 play at its first London preview, let the dramatist know through their mutual agent that he wanted to film it and asked producer Saul Zaentz to see it in

Kuwait Cine Club Diwanliya

Amadeus — the prodigy as prodigal

New York. Initially reluctant, Shaffer was persuaded to adapt the work, and the three of them formed a democratic triumvirate, which voted on major decisions such as casting the leads.

Shaffer restructured the play, enabling lavish and authentic recreations of Mozart's operas. Much of this rewriting was done in Prague where the film — Forman's first in his native Czechoslovakia since he left for the US in 1969 — was shot.

Spectacle

The film Amadeus is a sumptuous visual spectacle, magnificently empowered by Mozart's music, that is exactly of the type the Academy loves

— gorgeous, tasteful and driven by big art, with a tear-jerking human tragedy in its climax. It focuses on the rivalry between the composers at the court of the Emperor Joseph II of Austria. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, a genius beyond belief (seemingly unaware that any such rivalry exists), is otherwise a scatologically-minded buffoon with a high-pitched giggle and little control of his life. Antonio Salieri is the dignified, supercilious establishment figure whose talent pales beside that of the young prodigy. Salieri is eaten up by his jealousy of Mozart's awesome, God-given abilities — compounded by his distaste for the man — and

when he can stand it no longer he dresses up like an avenging angel in black mask and cape and gives Mozart a commission that he knows will kill him.

Power

Finally, Salieri is at Mozart's deathbed, still astounded by his powers of composition but unable to stop himself from draining the last note from him. The shocking moment comes when the dying Mozart speaks of his gratitude and admiration of the man who is killing him, and his fear that Salieri overtook him. These scenes, and those detailing Mozart's rise and fall, his affectionate marriage to Stanzi (Elizabeth Berridge), and the billowing, flamboyant musical set-pieces,

are bookended by the ancient and guilt-ridden Salieri's suicide attempt at the beginning and his ultimate descent into madness at the end. His personal tragedy is that, even in his mania, not an ounce of Wolfie's brilliance lurks within him.

F. Murray Abraham plays Salieri. Born in El Paso of Syria and Italian parents, Abraham came to Amadeus via numerous appearances on Broadway, off-Broadway, in TV and films. He was selected to play Salieri after a year of auditions for dozens of candidates. His crazed, religious, half-court-lackey, half-Mephistophelean, wholly malevolent Salieri justified his Oscar. Tom Hulce's performance as Mozart was deeply affecting.

Among the film's glories are many passages of Mozart's sublime music and Abraham's unforgettable performance as the aging, guilt-ridden Salieri.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

MORNING

9.00 Holy Quran
9.15 Iftah Ya Simsim
9.45 News followed by Good Morning
10.00 Darb Al Zalaq: local serial, starring Khalid Al Nafisi, Abdul Hussain Abdul Rida, Saad Al Faraj, Ali Mufedi.

10.45 News Summary

11.00 Al Zaakaloooi: Arabic serial, featuring Mohammad Rida, Athar Al Hakim, Laila Taher, Ahmad Abdul Waris.

12.10 Jerash Festival: featuring the folklore troupe of Basra.

1.00 News Summary

1.05 Holy Quran

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via Satellite

4.45 Ra ad Al Amlaq: cartoon serial
5.15 Tun Tek and Children

5.30 Eureka

5.45 Summer '88

6.00 La ilaha illallah: historical serial. Starring: Laila Fawzi, Tayseer Fahmi, Rusbawo Taufiq, Huda Sultan.

7.00 News Summary
7.30 Agricultural Magazine

7.45 Quran and Science: "Alam Al Nabat"

8.30 Good Evening: daily roundup of local events.

9.00 News in Arabic
9.50 Al Rayah Al Baidah:



'Won't the in-laws be surprised to see all these Las Vegas types in the living room', Loni Anderson in Easy Street, 9.30 pm on KTV 2 tonight.

Arabic serial, starring Sana Jamil, Jamil Radeh, Samiya Al Alfi, Sayyed Ziyad.

10.45 Qadaya Masriya: On Theatre. Local programme.

11.35 News Summary
11.40 World News via Satellite, followed by Holy Quran/Closedown.

KTV 2

6.00 Holy Quran
6.10 Dinosaurs: cartoon serial

6.30 Professor Poosangle: children's serial

7.00 Discoveries Underwater: "Treasure is Trouble." A team of archaeologists recovers a treasure from two ships which sank in 1772.

8.00 News in English

8.40 Five Mile Creek: "Making Tracks." Set in Australia, it tells the story of a man who wants to set up a transport company.

9.30 Easy Street: series about a lonely woman searching for her roots.

10.00 Secrets and Mysteries: this series examines myths and legends.

10.30 Edge of Darkness: Detective Brian is attacked by unknown assailants on the scene of a crime.

11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

WHAT'S ON

CINEMA

Children's Film
OCT 5 (Wed): 6 pm/Oct 6, 10.30 am: British Council, Maosuriya. Children's film Asterix the Gaul, 67 minutes, will be shown. Children of all nationalities welcome. Admission free but please reserve seats. Tel: 251-5512; 253-3204; 253-3227.

MUSIC

Mousetrap Theatre
OCT 19/20: Mousetrap Theatre, 8 pm: a piano recital by Thalia Myers. Tickets available from New English School, 8 am to 1 pm, 4-6 pm. Tel: 5318060; 5318061.

Kuwait Singers
MONDAY/SATURDAY: 7.30 pm: Rehearsals for the December concert at Gulf English School, Salwa. New members welcome. For enquiries call 3940770 ext. 56 or 5384873.

East meets West
OCT 6: IAC 6.30 pm: "East meets West," a musical evening, by The Fams with Hindi, Punjabi, Malayalam, Tamil, Konkani, Bengali, Arabic and Western music. Lead vocalist: Susan Rego. For entry by passes, Tel: 2409250; 4743948 or IAC — 3904817.

Beat Show
OCT 14: IAC, Funaites, 8.30 pm: The "Beat Show" will be a four-hour non-stop music featuring six brass bands — City Limits, 5th Dimensions, Perfect Stranger, Stepping Stones, Next of Kin and Top Ranks. Organised by the Kuwait Goans.

Guitar Recital
OCT 19: Kuwait Hilton: Concert of German guitarist and composer Wolfgang Conrad, "Hymns of Eternity," one of Conrad's most significant compositions will be featured in his concert along with works by J.S. Bach and H. Villa-Lobos. Tickets are available from the Hilton lobby.

Rock the Night
SHORTLY: Auditions for male singers for Sounds Great rock concert due to be held on Nov 23/24. Tel: Mootazer — 5740256/7.

THEATRE

Bengali Play
OCT 27/28: 6.30 pm. Mousetrap Theatre. The Mouchak Group, a Bangladeshi theatre company, presents "Ballad of Rukhshana," a fairy tale. For reservations phone A. Karim — 2627643; Dr. Hyder — 5625456; Heron — 4893424.

Kuwait Players Opening Ball
OCT 13: Holiday Inn, Ballroom. Kuwait Players' opening ball. Cocktails at 7.30 pm; dinner and entertainment by the K.P. Band. Dress: formal. Membership discount applies. For reservations contact the social secretary on Tel: 3941572.

Konkani Drama
OCT 7: IAC, Funaites, 4 pm: Konkani drama entitled "Xim Vo Ximitor," written and directed by Cajetan De Sanvorden, Marcus Vaz, Xavier Gomes, featuring the Mendes Brothers. Entry passes available at Raja Stores.

KLT
OCT 6: Thursday, 11.30 am to 12.30 pm, at KLT, Ahmadi. Auditions for children to dance in the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk.

Brer Rabbit
SHORTLY: Audition for young boy — aged between seven and nine required for an acting-singing role for Sounds Great children's musical, Brer Rabbit, to be staged in November. Tel: Keo Winston — 5740256/7.

SOCIAL

Swedish Ladies coffee afternoon
OCT 4: 4 pm: Swedish Ladies coffee afternoon at the home of Kerstin Graander.

Danish Meeting
OCT 5: 8 pm: Daniela's starts social season with a bingo game at the Gazelle club, TV Room. For reservations call Connie — 3715637; Lizzy — 3710478.

Video Workshop
OCT 5/10: Kuwait Players will hold two video workshops giving instruction and practice

MEETINGS

Kuwait Players Special A.G.M.
OCT 10: 8.30 pm. Kuwait Players special annual general meeting in Al Fox Room, Mesilah Beach Hotel, for members only.

SPORTS

Daniella Tennis
CALLING all members of the Danish community to register for the forthcoming tennis tournament. Competition is open for singles, doubles and mixed doubles. Entries will be played between Oct 11 to Oct 18. Tel: Lene 2544988, 8 am-12 noon.

Scuba Diving
NAVY scuba diving club starting up again. Call Frank: 4830570; 4830474.

Varca Carrom Tournament
OCT 7: Varca Carrom tournament for doubles begins. Those interested to take part can contact Thomas (Babit) Tel: 3261888 ext. 2259, 9 am-2.30 pm. Last date for entries is Oct 5. Draw will be held on Oct 6, 6 pm, at the home of Thomas Fernandes, organiser.

Ahmadi Karting
OCT 7: Ahmadi kart racing at the KOC track, Ahmadi. First race starts at 1.30 pm. Spectators and new members welcome. Tel: Simoo Lloyd — 3980876.

Rugby Match
OCT 6: Rugby match at the Ahmadi rugby pitch, kick-off: 2.30 pm.

PBAK Bowling Tournament
OCT 6: 6.30 pm, 300 Club. Meo's Division: Far East Rest vs Al Nageeb & Khattar; Phil Supreme vs 300 Club; Magoolia ice cream vs Kay Asso.

OCT 7: 1 pm. Men's Division: Phil Supreme vs Satellite Co; PPA Sbaiba vs 300 Club; Hanid Ligaya vs Al Qabandi. Women's Division: 9 am Magoolia vs Ged's Kay; Boodai vs Far East Rest.

Tug of War Competition
OCT 21: United Goans Centre will hold tug of war competition. Competitors are requested to contact organisers on 21/10 at Al Soor Ground for entry forms.

Laser Club
NOV 4: Start of the Messilah Beach Laser Club's winter racing season. Laser owners and others interested are welcome. Instruction available. For details contact D. Clark — 2425947; P. Sheppard — 5314957; 4841513; P. Berry — 3924174.



Blending East-West music

THE newly formed Fams music group, who dropped out from ACT's country-western musical at the last moment, are gearing for their concert called East Meets West on Thursday at the IAC, Funaites.

The Fams hope to blend Eastern and Western sounds, presenting a potpourri of Indian, Persian and Western pop music. The group's leading vocalist, Susan Rego, has performed at several hotels in Kuwait. The other vocalists are Abraham Chacko, who was last seen in Kuwait Players' musical, Jukebox and Sylvester Fernandez. Other members of the group are Noel Nirajan (drummer); Robao D'Silva (bass guitarist); and Claret (organist) and Agnello (rhythm guitarist and vocalist).

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CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Ighthal Wa Darasah (Arabic)
Starring: Nabila Obaid, Hashim Salim, Jabir.

Al Sabiya
Secret Admirer
Starring: C. Thomas Howell, Preston Kelly.

Al Hamra
Wild Geese II
Starring: Scott Gleoo, Robert Webber.

Drive-In
Al Shawesh Hassan (Arabic)
Starring: Yuois Shalabi, Dalal Abdulaziz.

Al Firdous
Saamri 3-D (Hindi)
Starring: Rajan Sippy, Arti Gupta.

Fahad Open-Air
Aatish (Hindi)

Al Fahad
Southern Comfort
Al Jahra Joker

Granada
Uppu (Malayalam)
Sulabikhat

Ultimax Force
Al Jeeb Daagi (Bengali)

Ahmadi Drive-In
Al Shawesh Hassan (Arabic)

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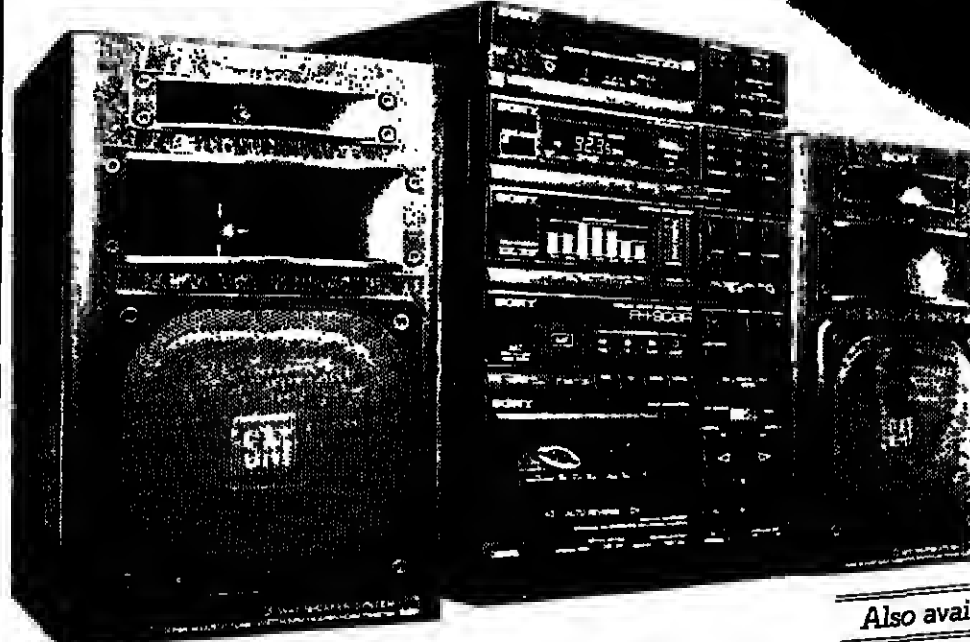
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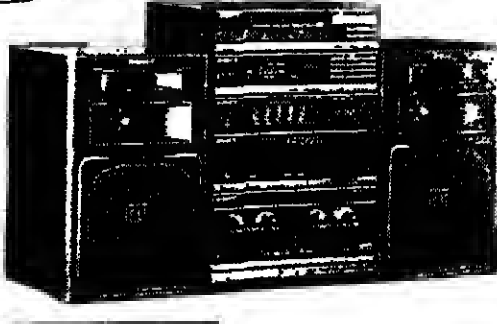
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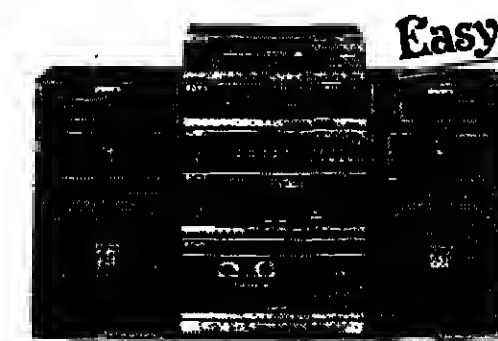
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Make-up launched

CHRISTIAN DIOR have launched Les Somptueux, the autumn/winter 1988 collection in Kuwait. Dior describe their collection as a "fashion of contrasts in a setting that brings richness, drama and theatre... combining rich colours with refined accessories." Left: Les Somptueux (Sumptuous) look.

By Jeremy Gavron

IN PARTS of Tsavo, Kenya's most famous national park, the dry, hardened skins of dead elephants lie draped over skeletons like old fishing nets on the wrecks of upturned wooden boats.

Around each carcass, a circle of bare ground marks where the scavengers have fought to eat their fill.

Near some, limbless trees show where vultures, bloated with elephant flesh, have snapped the branches they sat on. When a breeze blows, skin and bones rattle and a musky scent drifts across the bush.

In the past eight years, the number of elephants in Tsavo has fallen from 12,000 to some 5,300. On average, two elephants a day have been killed by the poison arrows of the Wamamba tribesmen and the AK-47 automatic weapons of Somali bandits.

Earlier this year, an aerial survey of Tsavo was carried out for the Kenyan Wildlife Department. In one part of the park, Tsavo East, the counters saw more dead elephants — 895 — than live ones — 770.



Dead elephants stripped of their ivory are left to the mercy of vultures.

Nearly 100,000 elephants die in Africa yearly Killing for precious ivory

Poaching

Since 1973, poaching for precious ivory has reduced the population of elephants in Kenya from 130,000 to some 20,000. Africa as a whole may be losing as many as 100,000 elephants a year, or 275 a day.

Although nobody knows how many elephants there are in such places as the rainforests of Zaire, the population throughout Africa is probably well under one million — and falling fast.

The worst of the crisis lies north of the Zambezi River. In countries such as Sudan, Chad, Somalia and Mozambique, civil war has devastated the elephants.

In others, like Zambia, Tanzania and Zaire, corruption and economic collapse have achieved the same end. Since 1981, more than half a million elephants have been poached in these countries.

Ivory now sells at almost £100 a kilo, or £1,000 for an average-sized pair of tusks. One dead elephant can support a poacher's family for a year — a hundred can make a government official rich or buy guns to fight a war.

Ivory is one of the main sources

of funds for the Renamo rebels in Mozambique. And in Tanzania, as Dr Esmund Bradley Martin, the World Wildlife Fund's expert on the horn and ivory trade, says: "There is a massive illegal ivory trade and people in the government are definitely involved and have been so for a long time."

For years now, conservation groups have been fighting the ivory trade. In the United States, a bill proposing to ban ivory imports is before Congress.

And most countries have now signed an agreement not to import unregistered ivory. But raw ivory can be carved so it cannot be told apart from Victorian piano keys or billiard balls. And fake permits can be found.

Until pool players in Arkansas and businessmen in Tokyo, who use ivory stamps instead of signatures, decide they prefer their elephants alive, then ivory

will find a market.

Conservation groups have had more success in targeting specific ivory routes out of Africa.

For the past few years, Burundi, a small Central African country with barely an elephant left on its own land, has been exporting more than 150 tonnes of ivory a year. Poached ivory has been smuggled out of Zambia, Tanzania and Zaire and imported into Burundi, where the obliging government made it legal and taxed it, at up to \$25 a kilo. From Burundi, most of the ivory was flown to the United Arab Emirates for carving.

Last November, after pressure from abroad, Burundi agreed to close down its ivory trade. Conservation groups hope that the UAE may be next.

According to Ian Parker, a Kenyan ivory expert, one of the big Hong Kong ivory trading families is planning to start

carving illegal ivory in Lumbashi in south-east Zaire.

But the victory in Burundi has certainly cut off the easiest route out of Africa — and for a while, the trade has been slowed down.

Such victories, however, can only win a little time. As long as elephants remain easy targets for poachers, traders will find routes for illegal ivory to reach the world markets.

In 30 years' time, or 20, or even by the turn of the century, only those elephants which have been adequately protected on the ground will still be trudging across the plains and sliding silently through the forests.

Realistically, this means a much smaller population than today. Most of the elephants in Africa still live in areas outside the relatively safe parks, reserves and ranches. Sooner or later, these elephants will fall to the poachers.

Similarly, the elephants in

places like Southern Sudan or Mozambique are doomed. Game parks lose any sanctity in the horrific wars of Africa. "It would be a complete waste of money to try to save elephants in those countries where we cannot even save people," says Esmund Bradley Martin.

That leaves, for the 21st century, the parks and reserves. Elephants can, certainly, be protected — along with other animals — in well-financed, well-managed parks. South Africa, Botswana, Malawi, Namibia and Zimbabwe all have stable or growing populations of elephants.

Even in countries with a poaching problem, good parks can still protect the wildlife. In Kenya, though Tsavo has suffered, Amboseli and the Masai Mara have both seen their elephants increase in the past decade, thanks partly to the numbers of tourists, who keep away the poachers.

In Zaire, in Garamba National Park, a scheme funded by the World Wildlife Fund and other groups has almost entirely stopped ivory poaching and kept 19 white rhinos safely for several years.

Model

Ian Parker has developed a rough model for Africa. Of those parks that spend less than \$100 per square kilometre per year, he reckons, only 8 per cent keep out the poachers. Once the figure rises above \$200 dollars, more than 80 per cent succeed.

The money, Parker argues, pays for better vehicles, guns, training, uniforms, wages. A new car, new uniform and a better wage can turn rangers who help poachers into ones who arrest, or shoot them.

This can work only with good management. Kenya recently made a major commitment to its parks by appointing the widely respected Perez Olindo as director of wildlife.

In an unpublished report, compiled from the Tsavo count, Olindo wrote recently of "motorised poaching" by rangers and "collusion between them and the poachers." Since his appointment, 27 officials have been sacked.

The money is available, even in Africa, to shore up most of the parks and reserves. There are about 200,000 square kilometres of national park in Africa. At \$200 per square kilometre, that would be only \$40 million a year.

By Greg Neale

"COR...Look at that one, Mum!" The holidaying schoolboy was suitably impressed.

That one was a 1.5-foot Nile crocodile, busily tearing into a slab of meat. "He killed five people before he was caught and brought here," a guide remarked, with just the hint of a smile. The schoolboy was even more impressed. "Cor..."

It was meal time at Mamba Village crocodile farm, an unlikely tourist attraction some miles north of Mombasa, on Kenya's Indian Ocean coast.

The part of the "village" the tourists see may be decked out with palms and thatched roofs, but its other side is a series of concrete pens and outhouses where the accent is on industry.

Crocodile farming is increasingly big business. Crocodile skin fetches high prices on the world's leather markets, and crocodile meat is becoming something of a delicacy in the Far East. Even a London restaurant is now tempting the adventurous with slivers of saurian.

All this commercial interest might be thought to be bad news for the crocodile. In the wild, crocodile numbers fell heavily in the 1950s and '60s as the animals were bunted for their skins. Some species were driven close to extinction, and few people seemed to care.

Unfortunately, the crocodile has not had a good image," says Chris Huxley, a

Crocodile farming is big business

conservationist with CITES, the Swiss-based Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species. "It is regarded as a nasty beast that eats people."

In fact, and though Captain Hook might not agree, the crocodile emerges as a rather endearing beast. Only recently naturalists have discovered that the mother crocodile is capable of astonishing maternal care. And crocodiles can be very helpful to man.

In India, the gharial crocodile was nearly wiped out by fishermen and skin-traders," Huxley says. "What no-one realised was that, free from crocodiles, the big fish that they used to eat multiplied, and ate all the smaller fish that in turn were keeping down the numbers of mosquito larvae. So the end result of decimating the crocodiles was a massive increase in malaria."

The gharial is now beginning to recover. But other species are still under threat: the black cayman of Brazil and Bolivia, and the saltwater estuarine crocodile, once widespread from India to the South Pacific.

Farming crocodiles can help

conservation by reducing the numbers taken from the wild, though some argue that it could stimulate demand for skins. "It can be a double-edged sword," says John Caldwell, of the Cambridge-based Wildlife Trading Monitoring Unit. "On the one hand, some animal welfare organisations dislike any commercial exploitation of potentially rare species. On the other, many conservationists argue that farming can help preserve rare animals."

Crocodile farming has spread widely since its introduction in the late 1950s, and the animals are now cropped commercially in Africa, the Far East and the southern United States.

At Mamba Village, 4,000-5,000 young Nile crocodiles are hatched a year, after a 12-week incubation period. Segregated by age and size, they are culled when they reach some five or six feet in length, usually between three and five years old.

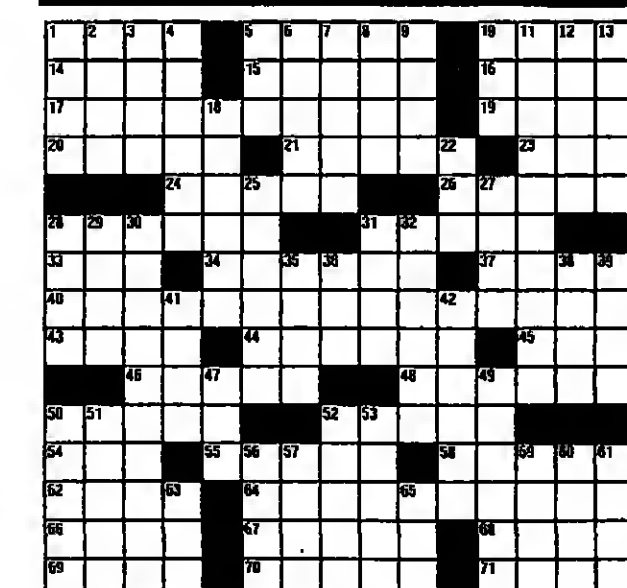
"Our skins go to tanneries in France and Italy. The meat is mostly sold locally, but we are hoping to expand our export orders," the farm's director, Jacob "Kohi" Kagan, told me.

Luckier are the crocs that survive to breed, or entertain the farm's tourists. Given regular meals and no human predators, a healthy croc can live past 60 — some are believed to be centenarians. Captain Hook would not have approved: that's an awful lot of lunchtimes.



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TODAY'S CROSSWORD



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- 1 Venture
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 - 21 Japanese immigrant
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 - 24 Round painting
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A Q J 10 2

WEST

A 10 3 2
K J 10 8
8 6
9 7 6

EAST

J 9 8 6 4
6
Q 10 4 2
8 5 4

SOUTH

K Q 5
A Q 7 4 3
9 3
K J 3

The bidding:

North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♥ Pass
2 ♣ Pass 2 ♣ Pass
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Dbl
Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ace of ♠

Let the cartographers draw the roadmaps. In bridge, you don't want your opponents thanking you for sketching the way to the winning line. Consider this hand, from a team-of-four match.

When North showed heart support over South's fourth-suit forcing bid, it weakened South's hand — his spade holding opposite a likely singleton in the North hand represented duplication of values. West's

double would have qualified him as a charter member of the cartographers' association.

West led the ace of spades and shifted to a diamond, won by dummy's king. Since the double marked West for a trump stack, declarer did not draw even one round of trumps. Instead, he cashed the ace-king of clubs and king-queen of spades, discarding two clubs from dummy. Next came the jack of clubs, on which declarer discarded a diamond from dummy when West followed.

To complete the groundwork, declarer cashed the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond. West overruffed, but he could not return a trump without giving declarer a trick, so he exited with a spade. Declarer ruffed to shorten his trump length to that of West's, then led a low trump to the nine. West was forced to win this trick, but then he had to lead away from his king of trumps into declarer's major tenace. Making four — odd.

How the double gave away the hand was illustrated by the play at the other table, where the play to the first two tricks was the same. Here, however, declarer took the normal line of leading a trump to the ace, returning to dummy and leading another trump. But now he had to lose three trump tricks for down one!



"I use this one when it's raining."

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By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
- You will be able to sort out some confusion. Do not allow others to put you off your stride. Try to ensure you do not expose yourself to infection. Be a little more affectionate.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
- You will have something to be pleased about. The Moon's influence will help you to be more of yourself. You should avoid making plans that are somewhat unrealistic. Be less solemn.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
- After a little confusion to begin with things will soon appear in their true light. You should avoid being too self-satisfied. You will have to keep your wits very much about you. Be reliable.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**
- There will be some ups and downs in your mood and you should do your best to compensate and keep on an even keel. You should listen to what others have to say and reserve your judgement.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
- You will have to deal with someone rather intractable and should keep calm whilst doing so. A family matter should be dealt with without delay. You must review your objectives in the light of circumstances. Be constructive.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
- You will be able to see things rather more clearly. You will meet someone much to your liking. A good opportunity is liable to pass you by. Be considerate.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
- The influences are somewhat mixed and you must be on your guard. You will not be in the best of moods and should try not to get involved in anything controversial.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
- Today you will be better able to deal with a personal matter. You should not just hope for the best. You should not give up too soon. Instead persevere. Be more patient.
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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Markets nosedived around the globe

The crash of '87: What lessons can investors learn?

NEW YORK, Oct. 3, (AP): Many will long remember the stock market crash of Oct. 19, 1987, when newspapers wore gloomy headlines, when newscasters' voices betrayed fear.

A half-trillion dollars in paper wealth disappeared in the United States alone. Markets nosedived around the globe, some by as much as 25 per cent.

In some ways, it was like a replay of the 1929 stock market crash that plunged the world into economic hard times. People in the United States felt in the midst of history, of being victims of events not understood. The crash conjured up images of bankruptcies, breadlines, unemployed and mortgages foreclosed.

Impressions
Those were the first impressions, but they may not be the ones that endure. Because the worst did not happen, the lasting memory may be a delightful sense of relief.

Within a few weeks, fear had lost its cutting edge. Although anxiety still gnawed at confidence, that feeling, too, began to fade before the end of the year, giving into a mere wariness that economists termed healthy.

The world's 20 major stock markets, for example, were up about 9.5 per cent in late September compared with the end of October 1987, according to an index developed by a research unit of Morgan Stanley and Co.

Jordan enforces foreign exchange rules
AMMAN, Oct. 3, (Reuters): Jordan's Central Bank Governor Hussain Qasim said new foreign exchange rules restricting moneychangers' operations took effect on Saturday.

"As of today moneychangers have to respect the Central Bank measures," Qasim told Reuters. "We will not reverse the rules. We will pursue efforts to ensure that moneychangers have abided by the regulations and check if they have closed all their accounts in banks outside Jordan," he said.

The 75 or so exchange companies had protested against the restrictions announced by the Central Bank in June, and had been given more than three months to comply.

Rules
Exchange merchants surveyed by Reuters said they had obeyed the new rules, but predicted the measures would further weaken the dinar, create a black market and reduce remittances from nearly 350,000 Jordanians working abroad.

"We have respected the rules by closing our accounts outside Jordan," said exchange dealer Ghazi Al-Saudi, displaying documents to that effect from several European banks.

Moneychanger Makram Al-Alami said: "We have adhered to the rules, but we hope and expect the Central Bank will review them."

The rules, aimed at curbing the outflow of foreign currency and bolstering the dinar, bar moneychangers from accepting deposits, extending loans, making transfers, issuing cheques abroad, opening accounts overseas and speculating in international equity, metals or commodity markets.

They may now have foreign currency accounts only at local banks. Unlike the banks, they need not abide by exchange rates posted daily by the Central Bank.

Qasim reiterated that he had told central banks in Arab countries and around the world that accounts held or opened by Jordanian moneychangers abroad were illegal.

Plan to launch new drilling programme

ABU DHABI, Oct. 3, (OPECNA): The Atlantic Richfield Dubai Oil Company (ARCO Dubai) plans to launch a drilling programme in a new structure in its 600 sq. km concession in the Dubai emirate, it was announced here today.

ARCO Dubai resident manager Gordon Galloway said that the area was located not far from the Margham field which was brought on stream by his company in the early 1980s.

According to Galloway, the field could become operational by the end of the year.

He said the programme would mark the beginning of a major development in oil drilling which could be emulated in other parts of the country.

In Japan, the world's largest stock market is up about 14 per cent since the end of October.

In the newer atmosphere, consumers are less inclined to take on debt, investors seem motivated by sensible yields rather than instant wealth, and business resolved to remain lean and competitive.

Effort
Moreover, there has ensued a renewed effort by global powers to synthesize economic policies, which heretofore had often been at odds. Promises were made to stabilise the dollar, to co-ordinate interest rates and open up trade.

In the United States, whose markets took the biggest beating in the crash, people surprised themselves. Despite frightening comparisons with 1929, forecasts of a further debacle in securities, and expectations of recession by esteemed academics and others, panic never gripped the country.

Part of the reason for that was good fortune; part can be attributed to good crisis management.

On the side of good fortune was the health of the economy, which was growing strongly at the time of the crash with a resilience born of five years of expansion. On the management front, quick action by the Federal Reserve, the US Central Bank, to open credit lines in the wake of the crash was key to

restoring calm and liquidity.

And because most people were not direct owners of stocks in the first place, they were able to avoid the brunt of the crash's punishment.

The memories that remain, therefore, are those of a near miss, a lesson learned, a feeling of gratitude, a determination to fix up the things that were wrong, such as the budget and trade deficits.

It was, some said, a shot across the bow, a warning that helped the world avert a disaster. Before the end of the year, the great stock market collapse was even being hailed as a saviour. It averted a worse disaster, some said.

In fact, as the year ended, Fortune magazine editors asked: "Who would have predicted it on Oct. 20th? The crash has not only failed to make a recession more likely before mid-1988; it has made one less likely."

Evidence
When the crash occurred, a feeling existed that the economy was overheating and headed for inflation and higher interest rates, to be followed by a deep recession. The crash slowed them. Incredibly, it took the pressure off.

Very little evidence of the great crash has shown up in the economic statistics since then. Confidence has remained high. Business continues to spend for capital improvements. Economic indicators show expansion continuing.

But there were effects, important ones with potentially far-reaching consequences. — In the market itself, the collapse routed the madness that had pushed prices beyond reason. A year ago, stock prices got so high in relation to earnings per share that an investor would have been foolish not to buy bonds instead. The crash, in effect, put stocks on sale by slashing prices.

Decline
A year after the collapse, stock prices were about 12 times one year's earnings, a decline of 40 per cent.

The market was healthier — no question. Trading activity had quieted. Impossible expectations had diminished. The touts and hucksters were being scorned. People no longer believed prices could soar to the heavens.

Regulatory officials, both in government and the industry, seem more aware of the dangers inherent in the mechanics of the marketplace — that is, in the ability of markets, brokers and technology to handle heavy volume.

Various study committees have pointed to dangers in the activities of programme traders, arbitrageurs, insiders and other active short-term participants with sufficient financial clout to accelerate price changes.

Critics continue to say, however, that there has been more study than action. More talk about new rules than changes in the rules.

The securities collapse was global. Not only are markets interlinked electronically, but economies are interdependent. As a consequence, monetary, fiscal and trade policies of trading nations affect each other infinitely.

While international co-operation since the crash has been volatile at times, with arguments raging about trade restrictions, interest rate levels, credit conditions, fiscal policies and the like, there has been some improvement.

The dollar has stabilised, for the time being at least. US goods seem more competitive abroad, helping to correct the US payments imbalance and creating a healthier trade relationship among nations.

Central banks throughout the world are now intensely aware that they must co-ordinate economic policies, since it is known that the slightest problems left untended can cause financial aberrations detrimental to all.

Impact
Perhaps the biggest impact is still beyond easy statistical measurement. It is a renewed sense of realism about expectations, a vigilance about economic management, a recognition that a stable economy requires restraints.

Without a doubt, most people

are less cocky about continued economic expansion, but it is difficult to prove. While almost certainly they are more risk-conscious, almost every survey shows them optimistic.

While hardly a day goes by without people being reminded that another shoe could fall somewhere in the economy — that there is a crash impact yet to be felt — the chief worries today relate to the basic economic cycle.

Expansion
Now completing its sixth year, the economic expansion would seem to be in old age. For that reason alone, forecasters find it convenient to consider recession a possibility — but they are forever postponing it.

The stock market itself gives little indication, but it is still watched for clues. True, a feeling exists that the big crash of 1987 seems to have been confined primarily within the securities industry itself.

But economy watchers realise that no sector of domestic activity is isolated from the rest, any more than US European or Asian economies are immune from each other's specific problems.

Stock markets still are viewed as long-term economic indicators, and, in spite of the mysteries it hides, one remains more scrutinised for clues than the US marketplace.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 3, (AP): Nearly a year after the crash of 1987, Wall Street is still retrenching and recuperating.

The growth that doubled the number of jobs in the US securities industry from 1979 to mid-1987 has given way to layoffs, mergers and cost-cutting.

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Activity
But the mood and tempo of the marketplace still bear little resemblance to the bull market that prevailed for five years before the collapse.

To a business that thrives on activity — buying and selling that generates commissions and profits — volume has lagged all year. Even short-term devices like stock-index arbitrage and manoeuvres to capture dividends have lately died down.

Plans
The New York Stock Exchange and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange have come up with plans for "circuit breakers" designed to prevent breakdowns in runaway markets.

But many observers see measures like these as single pieces to a larger puzzle still unsolved by the financial community.

Reform
ISLAMABAD, Oct. 3, (Reuters): The United States narrowed its proposals on reforming the world's farm trade on Sunday when some trade ministers meeting here said could leave the European Economic Community more isolated than ever.

US Trade Representative Clayton Yentler told them Washington was ready to accept some proposals to freeze and cut subsidies on food output and exports as the basis for talks.

He reiterated US willingness to agree to short-term efforts to ease farm trade distortions as long as Western Europe committed itself to long-term fundamental reforms.

Reform
Australian trade negotiations Minister Michael Duffy said the European Economic Community now recognised it had to do something to close the huge gap in subsidies with the United States.

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Far more important than individuals as a driving force in the stock market are money managers at investing institutions, who handle pension funds and other large pools of assets.

While investing in stocks or bonds may be optional for an individual, professional portfolio managers operate in a different environment. They are paid to put money to work within a relatively limited range of choices.

But since the crash, money managers also have been content to sit with larger-than-usual cash reserves, parked in short-term interest-bearing investments such as treasury bills.

These low-risk securities now offer yields of 7.5 to 8 per cent or more.

By the logic that makes the market work, declines in stock prices end and new bull markets are born when worries are rampant, cash reserves are high and everybody has gotten out of stocks. In that gloomy setting, there is nobody left to sell.

In the meantime, optimists in the financial world tide them-

selves over with the thought, or at least the hope, that most of the damage from the crash has been confined to Wall Street.

Perhaps it was just an extreme manifestation of the market's continuous up-and-down cycle — the end of an era for Wall Street, but not the end of the line for prosperity in the industrialised world.

"It always repeats itself," said William Schreyer, chairman of Merrill Lynch and Co. A market recovery awaits, he contends, and "I think it's going to be sooner rather than later."

"I don't think this malaise is going to last for years."

Not everybody shares that optimism. "The near-term outlook isn't likely to improve substantially until full investor confidence is restored in both the integrity of the marketplace and the strength of the economy," Edward O'Brien, president of the SIA, said in a generally bleak crash anniversary appraisal.

He added that to the regulatory arena, few steps have been taken to curtail some of the practices and problems that occurred a year ago.

\$10m Finnish loan for UN
HELSINKI, Finland, Oct. 3, (AP): Finland has announced it will extend a \$10-million loan for peacekeeping operations following the awarding of the 1988 Nobel peace prize to the United Nations peacekeeping forces.

Foreign Minister Kalevi Sorsa, attending the UN General Assembly in New York, told Finnish reporters the interest-free loan was subject to "similar financial support from the other Nordic countries."

Sorsa was quoted in weekend editions of the independent Helsinki Sanomat as saying the loan could be available for peacekeeping duties in Namibia as early as next month if a settlement over Southwest Africa is concluded.

Finland, which has been involved in UN peacekeeping activities since 1956, is currently the only country with soldiers in all the seven peace forces. It has 1,003 men serving under the UN flag, second only to Canada.

The United Nations already owes Finland 100 million marks (\$22.5 million) for its peacekeeping duties.

Prosperity
To back its claims that Pinochet offers prosperity for all, the government has spent heavily on social improvements in the working-class districts of major cities. It also recently began a scheme to cut house mortgage payments for the middle-class.

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schemes allowing creditors and foreign companies to swap debt for equity investments in the country. Chile's debt has fallen by more than \$1 billion in net terms in the past 18 months, although it remains high in per capita terms.

Yet, despite glowing statistics, Santiago's view of its success is not yet reflected in public opinion polls. In them Chileans are giving the economy low marks. Opposition economists say the military's success has to be set against a heavy cost in social terms.

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He was speaking at a panel discussion on the last day of a three-day symposium on North-South issues organised by the Vienna Institute for Development and Co-operation.

Ramphal, who chaired the panel, said that the social, economic and political crises in the South and their inter-relationship with the North had created a "new rationale" for strengthening South-South co-operation.

On environment and development, Ramphal said effective remedies should be found in mechanisms that raised living

standards through economic progress and reduced population growth, which in turn would reduce pressures leading to over-cropping, overgrazing and reckless urbanisation.

Problems
Dr Ibrahim Shihata of the World Bank, while acknowledging that the problems of the developing countries had worsened, claimed that the World Bank was in a better position today than at any time before to help with the debt issue because of its enhanced capital.

While admitting that the bank's policies were influenced by its shareholders, he maintained that it could still play an effective role in developing countries.

Shihata said the bank could help debtors and creditors reach "realistic" arrangements by as-

isting in the negotiating process.

He said the reverse flow of resources from South to North was continuing and there was no solution in sight. No significant amount of financial resources appeared to be moving towards developing countries.

In an intervention, OPEC Fund director-general Dr Seyyid Abdulai said debt cancellation alone would not end the problems of developing countries.

Changes
He said while structural changes in developing countries were important, specific measures and remedies were needed to help them take effect. He also called on the South commission headed by former Tanzanian President Dr Julius Nyerere to provide guidelines to developing countries.

Another speaker, Ambassador Layachi Yaker of Algeria, called on the international community to draw a plan of action for the 1990s and beyond.

Yaker said developing countries had fallen victims to the sharp deterioration in the international economic environment of the 1980s. In particular, the steep decline in commodity prices had affected their overall growth rate and public finances in a most adverse way.

Stressing the need for a "new platform" of South-South co-operation, he said the next Cancun summit should involve eastern countries as well. It should also focus on the development of human resources in developing nations. The meeting should consider scientific and technological co-operation.

Austrian minister of foreign affairs and vice-president of the Vienna Institute for Development, stressed the need to stabilise the South so that it could face up to the North.

This would also put an end to the export of East-West conflicts to other parts of the world, enabling the South to influence favourable changes in the policies of the North.

Hope
"Only a collective response from the South can hope to deal with the well-organised strategy of the developing countries," he said.

The three-day seminar, which ended here at the weekend, was sponsored by the Vienna Institute for Development and Co-operation and attended by well-known economists and statesmen.

Gold unlikely to move above \$400

Lower Wall Street drags UK shares down

LONDON, Oct 3, (Reuters): British shares fell sharply to close today as the day's lows after Wall Street took a dive in early trading.

Earlier, equities in Frankfurt and Zurich had ended lower while gold was hardly changed and oil prices remained weak.

The dollar fell in Europe with investors reluctant to take a firm position ahead of Friday's US employment statistics which will give the latest indication of America's economic health.

Wall Street stocks fell across a broad front. Brokers said selling was spurred by disappointment that a rally last Thursday was not maintained.

The Dow Jones industrial average was off 24.18 points at midday in New York at 2,088.73.

Gold, however, a traditional store of wealth in times of uncertainty, fixed at \$396 an ounce in London, after opening at \$392.75 and a close on Friday of \$394.35.

Dealers said higher US gold prices pulled the market up, and underlined a conviction among some bullion traders that gold had become oversold following its recent falls. But they said the longer term picture remained bearish, with gold unlikely to move above \$400.

The dollar closed at 1.8613 West German marks and 133.65 Japanese yen in London against 1.8730 and 133.93 on Friday.

The price of Brent blend crude from Britain's North Sea — the most widely traded on spot markets — was around 20 or 30 cents a barrel lower pressured by excess OPEC sharply.

Brent traded today as low as \$11.76 a barrel for December loading. Crude prices are at the lowest for more than two years and down around \$1.50 from a week ago.

In London, Enterprise was down 38p to 644 and Lasso off 24p to 564. Dealers said the shares were reacting to weekend press speculation that the auction of Lasso's 25 per cent stake in Enterprise could be delayed and that the auction price could be nearer 500p per share than the anticipated 600p.

The FTSE 100 was down 16.6 points to 1,809.9 at 1445 GMT after a low for the day of 1,808.6, half an hour earlier.

Prices
Crude oil prices saw Brent crude for October delivery down to \$11.75 a barrel this afternoon, compared to Friday's European close of \$12.10.

The latest Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said OPEC's price committee thinks the group's output pact is virtually defunct and that if no action is taken by members to halt over-production a price collapse is bound to follow.

But dealers said today's

declines on the back of the weaker oil price were possibly overdone and said they thought OPEC would take strong action on production restraints to avert a collapse in the crude oil price.

Stake
Many oil analysts were sceptical about an article in the Sunday Telegraph newspaper which said Lasso's 25 per cent stake in Enterprise could be sold at a price as low as 500p per share. They thought 600p to 700p was more likely.

Among other oil stocks, BP was down 5p to 237 1/2 to reflect the weaker crude price. Sentiment for BP has been unsettled ahead of an anticipated UK Monopolies Commission ruling on the Kuwait Investment Office's stake of almost 22 per cent.

Motor components and engineering group GKN was down 13p to 309 after the company said it had bought a 22 per cent stake in helicopter maker Westland Group, 5p lower at 105.

GKN bought the holding for \$47.8 million in cash from Italian car maker Fiat and UK conglomerate Hanson PLC, Hanson shares, however, retreated with the wider market, dropping 2p to 145.

An agreement with 7.97 per cent shareholder United Technologies of the US gives GKN and United 29.99 per cent of

Westland's issued voting share capital. One analyst said the fall in GKN shares could reflect the belief that the company might float new shares in order to make a full bid for Westland.

Allied Lyons stood out against the general trend with an 8p rise to 466 on press speculation that Bond Corp might be considering a full bid after recent stake-building.

Speculation
Late last week Bond Corp confirmed recent stock market speculation when it announced it had raised its stake in Allied Lyons. The holding was lifted to 11.08 per cent from seven per cent.

Consolidated Gold Fields shares dropped 34p to 1,280 on talk of a possible referral to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission of Minorco's recent rejected bid valuing the company at \$2.9 billion. Dealers said speculation now centres on whether Minorco will raise its cash and paper offer, worth around 1,300p per share, to a higher, cash-only bid.

Cadbury-Schweppes gave up some of its recent speculative gains to fall 10p to 373 on fading bid talk.

Ladbroke, unchanged at 449, was one of the few shares to remain steady on Friday's closings. Dealers said a re-rating of its Hilton Hotels chain after the

recent \$2.27 billion sale of Grand Metropolitan's Inter Continental Hotels to Seibu Saison of Japan was helping to underpin Ladbroke shares.

Grand Met shares succumbed to profit-taking after the recent Saison deal and fell back 8p to 486.

Ranks Hovis McDougall was unchanged at 379p amid continuing speculation about whether Goodman Fielder Wattie has disposed of its near 30 per cent holding, dealers said. Grand Met has been mentioned as a potential bidder for RHM.

Impact
News that the Kuwait Investment Office had raised its shareholding in Midland Bank to 5.1 per cent had little impact on Midland shares which fell 7p to 414. Midland said it was comfortable with the stake and knew it was being raised.

Scottish and Newcastle shares were up 4p to 341, rising in sympathy with Allied Lyons. Australia's Elbers DXL holds a 9.33 per cent stake in Scottish and Newcastle, dealers noted.

Other leading shares saw Glaxo down 20p to 1,061, ICI off 17p to 1,025, RTZ down 8p to 439 and P and O 19p lower at 564. The FTSE 100 share index closed at its low on the day of 1,802.6, down 23.9 points as Wall Street extended its falls.

US proposes free trade for poorest nations

ISLAMABAD, Oct 3, (Reuters): The United States proposed today that industrialised countries should eliminate all trade barriers against the very poorest nations in the world.

Pakistan's Foreign Minister Mahbubul Haq said the offer came unexpectedly in the final session of an informal trade ministers meeting in Islamabad.

"For least developed countries and the poorest nations... all developed countries should be willing to agree that they will totally open their markets to them, no restrictions," he told a news conference.

If ministers agree at major trade talks in Montreal in December, more than 30 of the poorest countries, including Bangladesh, Afghanistan and many African nations, would be given free access for their exports.

There was no immediate confirmation from the US delegation which left Islamabad immediately after the conference.

UAE in good position to help Iran, Iraq rebuild

ABU DHABI, Oct 3, (OPECNA): The United Arab Emirates has the potential to help Iran and Iraq rebuild their economies following the end of Gulf hostilities, according to a study released here.

The report by the Emirates Industrial Bank says that UAE is ideally suited to help both countries due to its geographical position.

The study maintains that the post-war situation in the region offers a good opportunity to UAE manufacturing industries.

"The construction material industry, both metal and non-metal, which is suffering from excess capacity, should be able to offer some very competitive prices," it notes.

Domestically produced cement would be very competitive, says the study, as it enjoys access to markets in both Iran and Iraq with low transportation costs.

Output quota pact in ruins

Saudi Arabia warned overproducers at price panel

NICOSIA, Oct 3, (Reuters): Key OPEC ministers see an oil price collapse as inevitable unless organisation members violating the group's fixed output levels stop overproducing, the Middle East Economic Survey said today.

And Saudi Arabia warned quota violators within OPEC that unless overproduction stopped, other members would also ignore the quota accord, the newsletter said.

MEES said the warning came at a meeting in Madrid last week of OPEC's price panel where the ministers considered the accord "virtually defunct."

The authoritative Nicosia-based oil industry newsletter said in its unsourced report that the five oil ministers forming the group's price monitoring committee also reached a consensus that if OPEC members did not stop overproduction "a price collapse is bound to follow."

Lowest
The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries' committee is made up of Saudi Arabia, Nigeria, Venezuela, Algeria and Indonesia.

Oil prices in world spot markets are at their lowest for the last two years due to a glut largely blamed on overproduction by some OPEC members.

Mideast benchmark crude

Dubai was offered at 9.75 cents per barrel in Tokyo today, compared with its official price of \$17.42.

Oil industry sources say OPEC is currently producing more than two million barrels over an estimated 18.5 million barrels per day demand for its oil.

During OPEC's Madrid price panel meeting Saudi Arabia made clear that overproducers would not benefit from OPEC producers would exercise the same freedom and prices would collapse, MEES said.

The newsletter said the Saudis also stressed that "while the kingdom is prepared to do its fair proportional share in upholding any accord on production, it will never again act as a swing producer or 'godfather' to OPEC."

Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, had until two years ago been willing to cut or increase oil production as necessary to maintain oil market stability.

MEES said Riyadh now felt all 13 member states without exception must be bound by any new OPEC output accord.

MEES said members of the price panel agreed at their September 25-26 meeting "that the present OPEC agreement is in ruins and cannot be patched up

by fudged solutions."

"So either a new agreement is reached quickly with the full participation of all concerned — or the descent towards a price collapse will be inevitable," MEES said.

Strategy
The price panel decided in Madrid to convene a joint meeting with another key group, OPEC's long-term strategy committee, which would mean Iran, Iraq and Kuwait joining the talks.

MEES said the joint session "will be make-or-break affair."

It was expected to be held on October 20, four days after a meeting in Riyadh of oil ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which includes OPEC members Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Qatar as well as non-OPEC Oman and Bahrain.

OPEC's full ministerial meeting is scheduled for November 21 in Vienna.

MEES summarised the consensus reached in Madrid by the five price panel members as follows:

— Unless prompt and effective action is taken by OPEC members to halt the present spiral of competitive overproduction, a price collapse is bound to follow with disastrous economic and

political consequences for the oil producers.

It must be established beyond doubt and without delay that there can be no advantage to be gained from cheating on quotas. Other members will inevitably abandon their commitment to the production agreement and exercise the same freedom as regards volumes, and prices will suffer accordingly.

— The current production agreement is virtually defunct, and the only way out is the conclusion of a credible new accord signed and implemented by all member states without exception. It said it would have to include Iraq, which has so far stayed outside the OPEC quota system.

— Agreement within OPEC alone will not be sufficient to ensure market stability. Any OPEC agreement must be complemented by a solid and verifiable understanding on production restraint with the non-OPEC exporters.

"The OPEC countries passed through the ordeal of a price war — mercifully brief — in 1986. Now they are looking into the abyss again and do not like what they see. Whether they can muster the collective strength to draw back remains to be seen," MEES concluded.

Kuwait dinar deposit rates little changed

KUWAIT, Oct 3, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were little changed today but dealers said banks continued to buy dollars, putting pressure on dinar liquidity.

The dinar continued to slip against the dollar as the Central Bank adjusted its dinar exchange rate softer to 0.2889/06 from 0.2886/79 since Saturday. Commercial banks quoted spot rates of around 0.2890/07.

The decline of the dinar against the dollar has been a major factor pushing up dinar deposit rates over the last several weeks, dealers say.

Deals
Overnight firms to six, four per cent from deals as low as three per cent on Sunday while tomorrow-night deal at Sunday's 5-1/2 and six per cent.

Spot-neat was put at 7-1/2, 6-

1/2 per cent with no deals reported, while one-week funds dealt at 7-1/2 per cent.

One-month money firmed slightly early in the day to 7-1/8, 6-7/8 per cent from Sunday's seven, 6-1/2 per cent, but later fell back to seven, 6-3/4 per cent.

By early afternoon, two-month was at 7-1/8, 6-7/8 per cent, three-month at seven, 6-3/4 per cent and six-month at 8-7/8, 5/8 per cent. Three-month money was reported at 6-3/4 per cent.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal inter-bank deposits displayed a softer tone today in quiet trade which focused on the short end of the market as banks covered positions.

Dealers said there was no initial impact from a payment date for a new 1.5 billion riyal issue of government bonds. But

they predicted rates would rise late in the day in response to the drain on liquidity.

A decline in Eurodollar rates — often closely tracked by riyal deposits — also helped exert downward pressure on fixed period maturities.

US construction spending drops

WASHINGTON, Oct 3, (AP): Construction spending fell 0.6 per cent in August as declines in highway, factory and shopping centre construction offset gains in housing, the government said today.

The Commerce Department said building activity declined to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$396.1 billion in August, following a revised 0.7 per cent gain in July. The July figure had been

preliminarily reported at a 1.2 per cent gain.

The weakness came in a 2.1 per cent drop in government construction projects, which fell to an annual rate of \$77.5 billion and included a 12.7 per cent drop in highway construction.

Construction of commercial buildings, including shopping centres, was down 6.0 per cent to \$26.8 billion.

Italy launches \$1b Eurobond

LONDON, Oct 3: The Italian government launched an expected \$1 billion Eurobond issue to a favourable response.

What was surprising to many market participants, however, was that despite the obvious risk of being overshadowed by Italy's jumbo offering, underwriters brought several other large issues, according to the Wall Street Journal.

A five-year offering of \$300 million was launched by Ford Motor Co. via Goldman Sachs International Corp. And Campbell Soup Co. appeared with a \$100 million, five-year issue, led by Credit Suisse First Boston Ltd.

Dealers said Campbell Soup found a strong early response, based on the strength of its appeal to European retail investors. However, some dealers contended that Ford was hurt by heavy competition, although that view was disputed by Goldman Sachs.

Gains

Seasoned Eurodollar bonds posted marginal price gains.

The mandate for Italy's 9-1/2 per cent, seven-year Eurobonds was won late Wednesday by Merrill Lynch International & Co. The issue was reported to have been connected to a swap into floating-rate dollars, a topic Merrill officials declined to comment on.

Some underwriters said they thought Merrill had been slow to invite syndicate members. But a Merrill official said: "We went to co-leads and leads as soon as we could."

Merrill launched Italy's bonds early in the session at a margin to US Treasuries of 48 basis points, or hundredths of a percentage point. By late in the day, that had narrowed to about 41 points.

Response
The strong response was attributed partly to pricing viewed by many participants as generous. However, a dealer whose bank was involved at the co-manager level argued that the pricing was appropriate, based on the issue's huge size, the large volume of other seven-year Eurodollar bonds recently, and the market's cautious tone.

Strong

Coincidentally, a number of Italy's long-term debt issues were given a Triple-A rating on Thursday by EuroRatings Ltd., a European ratings agency.

Firmer US and West German bonds helped bolster Swiss franc foreign bond prices, with some issues ending about 1/4 point higher.

Demand was especially strong in equity-linked issues for two West German borrowers. VAW International Finance's 3 per cent bonds with equity warrants

attached due 2000, to be traded for the first time on the stock exchange Friday, ended unchanged at 105 bid, 105-3/4 offered.

Deutsche Bank Finance's 4-1/2 per cent bonds, with warrants into Continental AG, due 1993 ended 1-1/4 points higher at 122-1/4 bid, 123 offered.

Bond International Gold Ltd. launched a 100 million Swiss franc (\$63 million) issue that is convertible into the cash equivalent of gold, via TDB American Express Bank. The issue carries an indicated coupon of 4 per cent for seven years. There was no trading price.

Earlier this year, BIG launched the largest public offering for a gold firm, when it issued 4.8 million shares to raise \$306 million, representing 48 per cent of the firm's ownership.

Syndicate managers said the bond issue's structure is attractive because it gives investors a seven-year play on gold. In addition, it pays the cash equivalent to gold, rather than physically delivering gold.

But certain syndicate managers say some investors are becoming disenchanted with Alan Bond, whose family owns the majority shares of BIG. Bond Corp. has tapped the Swiss market several times this year, and other Bond companies have launched numerous rights issues over the last two years.

Canada may invest more in India

NEW DELHI, Oct 3: The setback to trade between India and Canada last year is to be reversed. Besides, officials and industrialists of the two countries expect more Canadian investment due to the liberalisation policy followed by the Indian government.

As a result of the discussions held by senior officials and businessmen of the two countries in Canada recently, a space technology mission from that country is expected to visit India shortly. Moreover, an official team is likely to come here in due course to explore the possibility of importing more sports goods from India, according to a London daily.

Goods
It was explained that India provides a congenial climate for collaboration. Besides, the industrial base is increasingly becoming diversified and sophisticated.

Moreover, it was made clear at the meetings that foreign investment in India is welcomed more for acquiring sophisticated technology than a device for capital investment.

A large number of items have been identified, which are export interest to India such as engineering goods, automobile ancillaries, electronic components, computer software and marine products.

Computers, electronic technologies, sophisticated electrical components, telecommunication equipment and technology, were some of the items identified for imports from Canada.

Trade in these areas, apart from traditional items, can give the much-needed impetus to the turnover which declined to Rs 472 crores in 1987-88 from Rs 530 crores in 1986-87.

It was felt that the ambitious projection of Rs 1,000 crores of turnover in 1990-91 could be met only through closer contacts and monitoring of the trends from time to time.

Discussions
Discussions at the official and business levels were held in Canada by Mrs Olina Bordia, secretary, Ministry of Industries, V. S. Kankaraman, joint secretary, Ministry of Commerce, and Ramnag Singh, vice-president, Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), and other industrialists representing India at the joint business council.

The focus of these discussions was on possibilities of enhancing bilateral trade with special emphasis on identifying particular products opportunities for technology transfer and industrial co-operation and Canadian direct investment in India.

The policy liberalisation effected by the Indian government in industrial licensing, foreign investment and taxation laws was welcomed not only by Canadian officials but also by businessmen.

According to official sources here, there is thus a vast scope for increasing trade and collaboration between the two countries.

Advantage
Canadian representatives were urged to take advantage of the concessions given by the Indian government for setting up industries in free trade zones and under the scheme of 100 per cent export-oriented units.

It was clear from the talks that Canadian businessmen were looking for diversifying their areas of activities beyond the United States with whom Canada has the largest trade partnership.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT ON OCT. 3

B.No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
6	Liao Yang	Motasin	2433881
7	Pan Riser	GH & Q	4747815
8	Sparkle Moon	GH & Q	4747815
9	Tug Amsterdam	G. Star	4845501
10	Barge Maryam	G. Star	4845501
11	Baltic Breeze	GH & Q	4747815
12	Drago Miresti	Al Sawan	4746018
13	Almusa-D	Pearl	2417758
16	Atlantic Reefer	S. Shaheen	2432692
18	Sparkle Sun	GH & Q	4747815

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
4/10	Ibn Alathar	KSA	4843150
4/10	Dhaura Giri	GH & Q	4747815

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B. No.	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Al Noor	M.A. Bahar	2459891
6	Noheles	Barwil	4842988
7	Sea Coral	S. Shaheen	2432692

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ship Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2/10	Dimitros	RSMS	2423642
O'due	Abu Basma	Pearl	2417758
2/10	Tugs Alzora-1 & 2	RSMS	2423642
8/10	Providence Bay	KMMC	2419814
8/10	Evermore Bloom	ISA	2441860
9/10	Al Mirqab	UASC	4843150
10/10	YS Prosperity	Al Rashed	2422026
20/10	Great Liberty	Al Kamal	2425437

Dear Junior Readers,

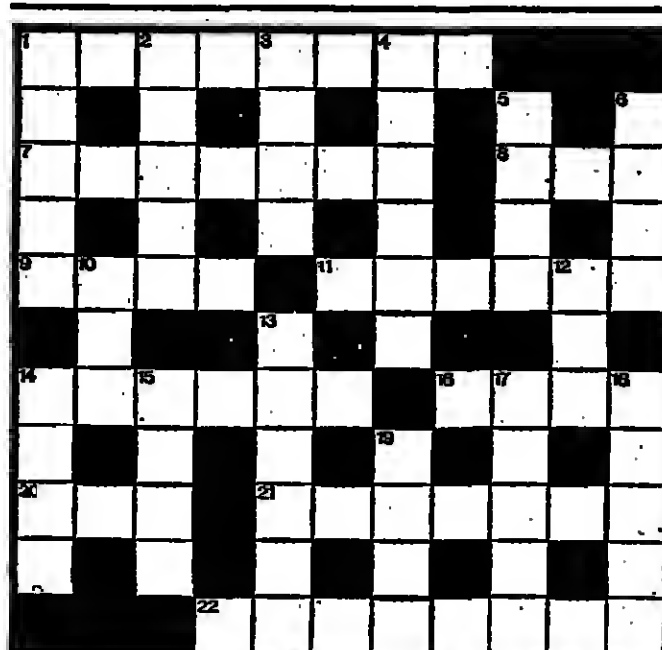
After my letter to you last Tuesday talking about how we are destroying our world, I would like to say that, although the picture is generally pretty depressing, there are countries which are trying to do something to help our environment, and one of those countries is Kuwait.

The government wants to make the country 'green' by planting trees, hedges and flowers. Doing this will of course make the country more beautiful, but it will do more than just that. Plants help to clean the air because they take in a lot of the gases which are bad for us and they also attract wildlife, like birds, butterflies and insects, which use the trees, bushes and flowers to shelter in and get food from.

Deserts are uncomfortable places where life is very hard. Kuwait knows this very well and is working hard to change the situation. But some countries, which have been blessed with thousands of trees, plants and flowers, are doing just the opposite and making deserts by destroying all the plant life. Let's hope they understand soon how foolish their actions are.

Auntie Joanne

CROSSWORD



The number of letters in the answer is shown in brackets.

Across

- 1 Ha may be a collier (5-3)
- 7 Vessel that helps liners to berth (3-4)
- 8 Mineral in its natural state (3)
- 9 Condition that requires relief (4)
- 11 Tree-lined approach to a house (6)
- 14 An item of correspondence (6)
- 16 Cooking utensils (4)
- 20 Part of a circle's circumference (3)
- 21 'Bring back to a former state' (7)
- 22 Sound of a bugle at daybreak (6)

Down

- 1 Closely woven silk (5)
- 2 Bird of prey with a hooked bill (5)
- 3 Basic story of a novel (4)
- 4 Range of eight musical notes (6)
- 5 The earth's one natural satellite (4)
- 6 In this place (4)
- 10 Female sheep (3)
- 12 Vase with a rounded body (3)
- 13 Carriage for a coffin (6)
- 14 Kind of year with an extra day (4)
- 15 Sail into the wind in yachting (4)
- 17 Coral island with a central lagoon (6)
- 18 Sub-division of an act of a play (5)
- 19 Small piece of land surrounded by water (4)

Solution on Thursday

ADD THE CORRECT MATHEMATICAL SIGNS

$$5 \quad 8 \quad 3 \quad 2 = 5$$

$$6 \quad 3 \quad 9 \quad 4 = 7$$

$$7 \quad 1 \quad 2 \quad 5 = 8$$

AS I WAS STANDING IN THE STREET

As I was standing in the street,
As quiet as could be,
A great big ugly man came up
And tied his horse to me.

American folk rhyme

By Joan Aiken

MATILDA, you will agree, was most unfortunate child. Not only had she three names each worse than the others — Matilda, Eliza and Agatha — but her father and mother died shortly after she was born, and she was brought up exclusively by her six aunts. These were all energetic women, and so on Monday Matilda was taught Algebra and Arithmetic by her Aunt Aggie, on Tuesday, Biology by her Aunt Beattie, on Wednesday Classics by her Aunt Cissie, on Thursday Dancing and Deportment by her Aunt Dorrie, on Friday Essentials by her Aunt Effie and on Saturday French by her Aunt Florrie. Friday was the most alarming day, as Matilda never knew before what Aunt Effie would decide on as the day's Essentials — sometimes it was cooking, or washing, or boiler-making ('For you never know what a girl may need nowadays' as Aunt Effie rightly observed).

So that by Sunday, Matilda was often worn out, and thanked her stars that her seventh aunt, Gertrude, had left for foreign parts many years before, and never threatened to come back and teach her Geography or Grammar on the only day when she was able to do as she liked.

However, poor Matilda was not entirely free from her Aunt Gertrude, for on her seventh birthday, and each one after it, she received a little poem wishing her well, written on pink paper, decorated with silver flowers, and signed 'Gertrude Isabel Jones, to her niece, with much affection'.

And the terrible disadvantage of the poems, pretty though they were, was that the wishes in them invariably came true. For instance the one on her eighth birthday read:

Now you are eight Matilda dear
May shining gifts your place adorn
And each day through the coming year
Awake you with a rosy morn.

The shining gifts were all very well — they consisted of a torch, a luminous watch, pins, needles, a steel soapbox, and a useful little silver brooch which said 'Matilda' in case she ever forgot her name — but the rosy morn was a great mistake. As you know, a red sky in the morning is the shepherd's warning, and the fatal result of Aunt Gertrude's well-meaning verse was that it rained every day for the entire year.

Another one read:
Each morning make another friend
Who'll be with you till light doth end,
Cheery and frolicsome and gay,
To pass the sunny hours away.

For the rest of her life Matilda was overwhelmed by the number of friends she made in the course of that year — three hundred and sixty-five of them. Every morning she found another of them, anxious to cheer her and frolic with her, and the aunts complained that her lessons were being constantly interrupted. The worst of it was that she did not really like all the friends — some of them were so very cheery and frolicsome, and insis-

All you've ever wanted

ted on pillow-fights when she had a toothache, or sometimes twenty-one of them would get together and make her play hockey, which she hated. She was not even consoled by the fact that all her hours were sunny, because she was so busy in passing them away that she had no time to enjoy them.

However, as she grew older, the poems became less troublesome, and she began to enjoy bluebirds twittering in the garden, and endless vases of roses on her window-sill. Nobody knew where Aunt Gertrude lived, and she never put in an address with her birthday greetings. It was therefore impossible to write and thank her for her varied good wishes, or hint that they might have been more carefully worded. But Matilda looked forward to meeting her one day, and thought she must be a most interesting person.

When Matilda was nineteen she took a job in the Ministry of Alarm and Despondency, a very cheerful place, where instead of typewriter ribbon, they used red tape, and there was a large laundry basket near the main entrance labelled 'The Usual Channels where all the letters were put which people did not want to answer themselves. Once every three months the letters were re-sorted and dealt out afresh to different people.

Matilda got on very well here and was perfectly happy. She went to see her six aunts on Sundays, and had almost forgotten the seventh by the time that her twentieth birthday had

arrived. Her aunt, however, had not forgotten.

On the morning of her birthday Matilda woke very late, and had to rush off to work cramming her letters unopened into her pocket, to be read later on in the morning. She had no time to read them until ten minutes to eleven, but that, she told herself, was as it should be, since, as she had been born at eleven in the morning, her birthday did not really begin till then.

Most of the letters were from her 365 friends, but the usual pink and silver envelope was there, and she opened it with the usual feeling of slight uncertainty.

May all your leisure hours be blessed.

Your work prove full of interest.

Your life hold many happy hours

And all your way be strewn with flowers

said the pink and silver slip in her fingers. 'From your affectionate Aunt Gertrude.'

Matilda was still pondering when a gong sounded in the passage outside. This was the signal for everyone to leave their work and dash down the passage to a trolley which sold them buns and coffee. Matilda left her letters and dashed with the rest. Sipping her coffee and gossiping with her friends, she had forgotten the poem, when the voice of the Minister of Alarm and Despondency himself came down the corridor.

'What is all this? What does this mean?' he was saying.

The group round the trolley turned to see what



he was talking about. And then Matilda flushed scarlet and split some of her coffee on the floor. For all along the respectable brown carpeting of the passage were growing flowers in the most riotous profusions — daisies, campanulas, crocuses, mimosa, foxgloves, tulips and lotuses. In some places the passage looked more like a jungle than anything else. Out of this jungle the little red-faced figure of the Minister fought its way.

'Who did it?' he said. But nobody answered.

Matilda went quietly away from the chattering group and pushed through the vegetation to her room, leaving a trail of buttercups and rhododendrons across the floor to her desk.

'I can't keep this quiet,' she thought desperately. And she was quite right. Mr. Willoughby, who presided over the General Gloom Division, noticed almost immediately that when his secretary came into his room, there was something unusual about her.

'Miss Jones,' he said, 'I don't like to be personal, but have you noticed that wherever you go, you leave a trail of mixed flowers?'

Poor Matilda burst into tears.

'I know. I don't know what to do about it,' she sobbed.

'It's very pretty,' he said. 'But not very practical. Already it's almost impossible to get along the passage, and I shudder to think what this room will be like when these have grown a bit higher. I really don't think you can go on with it, Miss Jones.'

'You don't think I do it on purpose, do you?' said Matilda sniffing into her handkerchief. 'I can't stop it. They just keep on coming.'

'In that case I am afraid,' replied Mr. Willoughby, 'that you will not be able to keep on coming. We really cannot have the Ministry overgrown in this way. I shall be very sorry to lose you, Miss Jones. You have been most efficient. What caused this unfortunate disability, may I ask?'

To be continued on Thursday

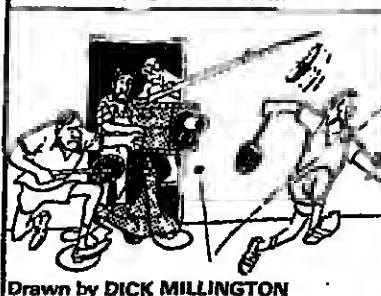
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Lemons and Shamaal sail to victory

KOSA yachts Lemons and Shamaal won their respective classes in the United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) Maritime Day yachting event on Friday. Lemons was also the overall winner.

A good course, involving several sail changes and gybes, tested the yachts in light to moderate wind conditions in a strong flood tide off the Shaab Yacht Club.

At the start, Danat Al Muttahadah (UASC) forced Gambit (G. Barro) to the wrong side of ODM. Gambit had to re-round the mark and never really recovered from this error.

Red Viking (J. Waters) built up a good lead in the first half of the race only to make several sail handling errors and finished last.

Lemons (G. Couper) sailed to her full potential and achieved what she has been threatening all season — a controlled and well executed performance to deservedly win the first major trophy of the KOSA Winter Series. Shamaal (J. Bell) sailed a good race to win her class.

Posessed
Both Danat (UASC) and Why Not? (F. Graham) were beaten by narrow margins. Both these yachts could have finished earlier had they possessed reaching spinnakers to give them increased speed on the shy reaches.

Prizes will be presented at the Bulayan Club on Oct 28.

KOSA Week commences on Oct 13, and promises to be a closely contested regatta if the UASC Maritime Day Race is taken as an indicator. A wide span of races are scheduled for the KOSA Week. For further details on the KOSA Week Tel. 5326145.

HAINES FINISHES IN SECOND PLACE

Lloyd triumphs in karting opener

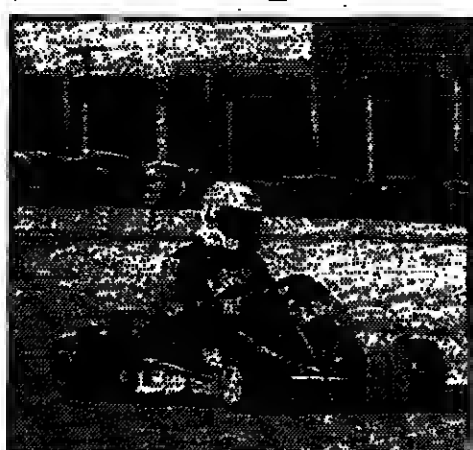
SIMON LLOYD (Like Cola) scored a comfortable victory with 38 out of a maximum 40 points in the opening race of the 1988/89 kart racing season at the Ahmadi Kart Track on Friday. Second was David Haines (Halliburton) with 30 points and third Tom Bollig (Halliburton) with 26 points; both novices, proving that off season practice pays race result dividends.

Lloyd scored an easy victory in the first heat from pole position. Mike Snell held on to second place after David Haines' spark plug blew out of his engine on the fourth lap.

Penalised
Dave Burfoot appeared to take third place after spinning off in the sixth lap but was penalised four laps for an illegal novice-status restart.

Third place was awarded to Bollig who tested the mechanical strength of his kart on the tyre barricades at Club House Corner in the seventh lap during an attempt to pass Dave Burfoot.

All six karts managed to make a start in the second race which Haines won with consummate ease. Lloyd, who started from the



Lloyd rounds the Club House Corner on his way to victory. Right: Lloyd (centre) with Haines (left) and Bollig after receiving their prizes.



rear of the grid, left the track at the "Essex" after a close encounter with Bollig and Roy Tiffner, all three karts managed to sustain power but Lloyd found himself in last place after the first lap.

After the sixth lap however Lloyd clawed his way through the field to second place but was unable to make any significant impression on the Haines' lead. Bollig again held onto third place

after some consistent driving and Roy Tiffner, who only purchased his kart three days before the race, came a creditable fourth.

The third race was again taken by Lloyd with Haines in close pursuit for nine laps until he retired with electrical problems. Snell started to show some form coming from the back of the grid to take second place with Haines third, Bollig fourth, Burfoot and

Tiffner both suffering with engine problems coming fifth and sixth respectively.

The fourth race started with five karts on the grid. Burfoot had to forgo racing due to three engine seizures. Snell was unable to start his kart from the paddock, leaving only four karts in the race after the rolling laps.

Once the flag was raised Bollig was the first around Club House

Corner followed by Haines, Tiffner and Lloyd.

Lloyd took Tiffner at the following corner and Bollig led the leading trio down the "Essex." During the subsequent manoeuvre around the "Essex" all three karts were line abreast down the straight with Tiffner bringing up the rear.

At the end of the straight Lloyd was first around Club House Corner followed by Haines, Bollig and Tiffner. Bollig subsequently retired when his carburettor failed causing him to accelerate uncontrollably until some very hot brakes brought him to a halt. Lloyd held onto his winning position until the chequered flag with Haines and Tiffner taking second and third.

Final race results:

1st Simon Lloyd (Like Cola) 38 points
2nd David Haines (Halliburton) 30 points
3rd Tom Bollig (Halliburton) 26 points
4th Mike Snell 20 points
5th Roy Tiffner 17 points
6th Dave Burfoot 16 points

Title fight

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Oct 3, (AP) — Colombian Fidel Bassa scored a unanimous decision over Raymond Medel of the United States to retain the World Boxing Association flyweight title yesterday.

Bassa, who improved his record to 21-0-1, recorded his fifth title defence by establishing himself early in the bout and holding on for the victory. Judges scored the fight 117-111, 116-115 and 116-112 in favour of the champ.

Both fighters tested one another early on, but Bassa was able to get inside to score on a combination at the end of the first round.

McMahon and Gentry help Bears blast Bills

NEW YORK, Oct 3, (AP) — Jim McMahon and Dennis Gentry provided the offensive thrust while Chicago's defence shut down Buffalo, handing the Bills a 24-3 loss yesterday, their first loss of the NFL season.

McMahon completed 20 of 27 passes for 260 yards and two touchdowns, and Gentry raced 58 yards, the longest run of his career, on a reverse for another Bears score.

"Give all the credit to Jim McMahon," Chicago coach Mike Ditka said. "He took a lot of rips and shots. We had to attack and Jim made things happen."

Buffalo quarterback Jim Kelly completed 20 of 37 passes for 274 yards but was sacked six times for losses of 56 yards. The Bills were held to a net of zero yards rushing. They attempted only two running plays in the second half.

In other games yesterday, it was Cleveland 23, Pittsburgh 9; Tampa Bay 27, Green Bay 24; Philadelphia 32, Houston 23; New England 21, Indianapolis 17; the New York Giants 24, Washington 23; Seattle 31, Atlanta 20; Phoenix 41, the Los Angeles Rams 27; the New York Jets 17, Kansas City 17; Cincinnati 45, the Los Angeles Raiders 21; Denver 12, San Diego 0; San Francisco 20, Detroit 13; and Miami 24, Minnesota 7.

Dallas was at New Orleans this evening.

McMahon set up the Bears' first touchdown when he ran 16 yards on a broken play, then threw a 4-yard scoring pass to Emery Moorehead. The Chicago quarterback teamed up with Ron Morris on a pass play covering 63 yards for a second-quarter touchdown. Morris caught the ball on the Buggalo 41 and eluded the three tacklers on his way to the end zone.

Giants 24, Redskins 23
Odessa Turner caught eight

passes for 103 yards and a touchdown and the New York Giants held off a late rally by Washington to edge the Redskins. Washington, 2-3, missed a chance to take the lead when rookie kicker Chip Lohmiller missed a 36-yard field goal attempt with 2:54 left.

Buccaneers 27, Packers 24
Donald Igwehike's 44-yard field goal with 12 seconds left gave Tampa Bay a victory over green bay for the second time this season. The Buccaneers, 2-3, also edged Green Bay 13-10 three weeks ago when Igwehike kicked a 28-yard field goal with three seconds left.

Eagles 32, Oilers 23
Randall Cunningham passed for touchdowns and ran 33 yards for another score to rally Philadelphia from a 16-point first-quarter deficit. Cunningham completed 24 of 38 passes for 289 yards, while the Eagles' defence held Houston's usually explosive offence to 206 yards — 55 running and 156 passing.

Patriots 21, Colts 17
Doug Flutie came off the bench to spark a 14-point fourth quarter, including a 13-yard run with 23 seconds to play to lead New England over Indianapolis.

Seahawks 31, Falcons 20
Rookie Kelly Stouffer engineered for touchdown drives in his first NFL start and John L. Williams scored three touchdowns on short runs as Seattle downed Atlanta.

Broncos 12, Chargers 0
Rich Karlis provided all of the offence, kicking four field goals in Denver's victory over San Diego. The game turned on the play of the Broncos' special teams, which snuffed a first-half field goal try, blocked a Ralf Mojsiejenko punt late in the third quarter and forced a fumble by San Diego punter returner Lionel James with 10:23 remaining.

Athletics finish AL season with win

NEW YORK, Oct 3, (AP) — The Oakland Athletics completed their best season since 1931 with a 4-0 victory yesterday over the Milwaukee Brewers.

The American League West Division champions finished the regular season with a 104-58 record, as the AL East champion Boston Red Sox lost 6-5 to the Cleveland Indians and dropped to 89-73.

The race for the AL pennant is scheduled to begin on Wednesday at Boston's Fenway Park.

Tigers 4, Yankees 3
Detroit, which led the AL East by two games on Aug 31, got an RBI single from Darrell Evans in

the bottom of the 11th and ended up in sole possession of second place.

The Yankees, who led the East division in the early part of the season, finished in fifth at 85-76.

Blue Jays 9, Orioles 3

George Bell hit a two-run homer and Toronto handed Baltimore its 61st road loss of the season, an American League record.

The last-place Orioles, who began the season with 21 consecutive losses, finished at 54-107, the worst record in the Major Leagues. Toronto finished at 87-75.

White Sox 5, Royals 1

Dan Pasqua hit his 20th home run and Shawn Hillegas allowed five hits in six innings as Chicago beat Kansas City.

Hillegas, 3-2, walked three and struck out five. Tom McCarthy allowed two hits in three innings to earn his first Major-League save. The White Sox finished with a 71-90 record. The Royals were 84-77.

Twins 3, Angels 2

Greg Gagne hit a two-run homer and Minnesota became the first American League team ever to go over the three million mark in attendance.

The Twins, who won eight of

their last 12 games, finished at 91-71. Minnesota was 85-77 last season when it won the World Series. The Angels ended up 75-87 and lost their last 12, a club record.

Results	
American League	
Cleveland	6
Minnesota	3
Detroit	5
Toronto	9
Chicago	5
Oakland	4
Texas	7
National League	
Montreal	3
New York	7
Cincinnati	1
Chicago	8
San Diego	5
San Francisco	1
Boston	5
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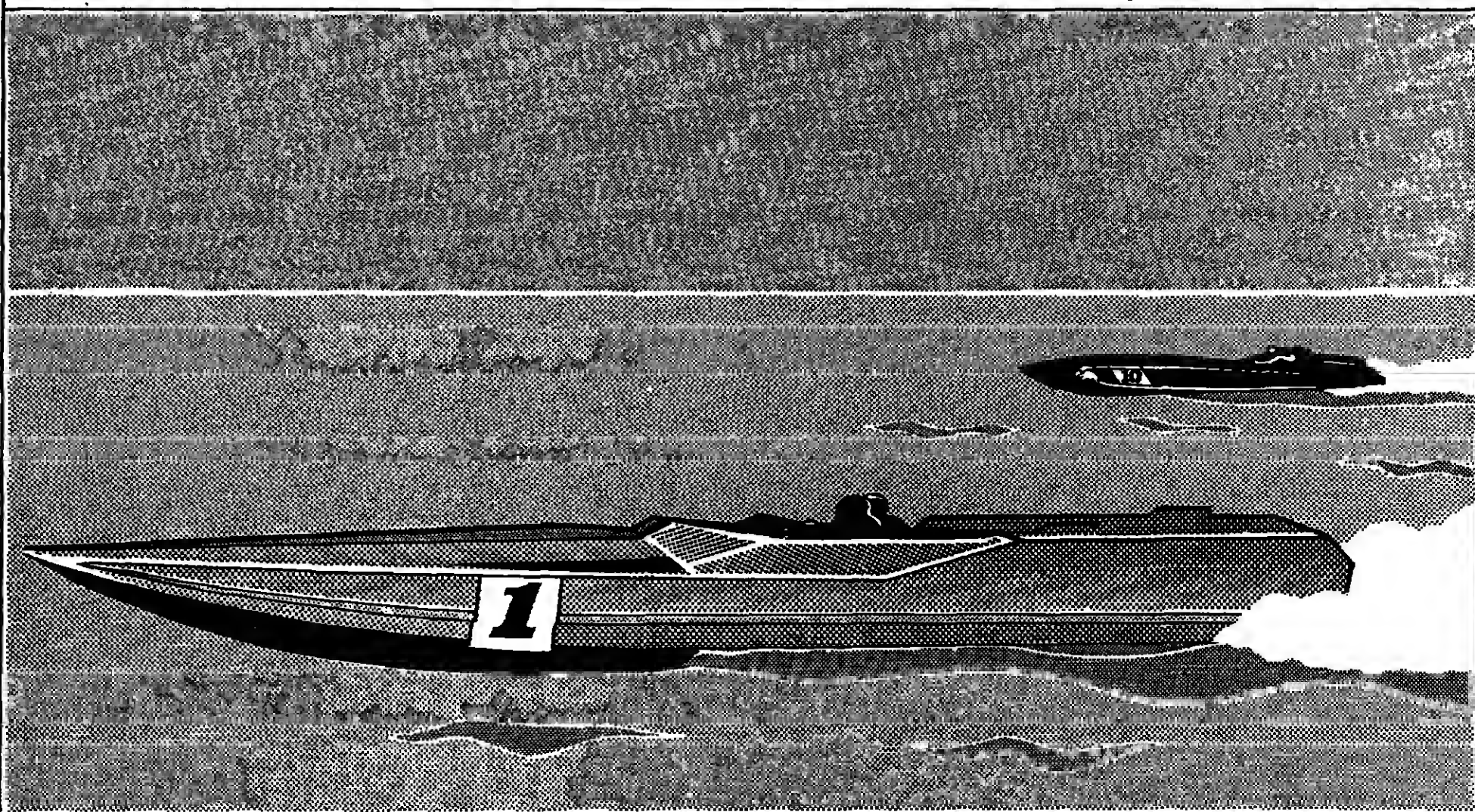
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- At least three red safety flares and a fire extinguisher.
- Boats must be adequately supplied with fuel sufficient to cover the race distance.
- Any battery or fuel tank leakages must be well-checked and repaired before the race.
- Each boat should carry either a telephone or a 2 way radio system.

Failure to comply with the above regulations and safety requirements will result in disqualification. Scrutineering will be held prior to the race, and competitors must display their safety equipment on the deck of the boat.

Bulletins detailing further requirements/information will be issued from time to time.

- Participation is open to all Gulf Citizens and residents who have lived in the Gulf for a minimum of six months.
- Last date for accepting entries is October 25, 1988.

Entry fee per person KD 15.000



The 67.5 Nautical mile race will start opposite the Messilah Beach Hotel.

SPORTS

Indians ignore English deadline

MADRAS, Oct. 3. (Reuters): India's cricket chiefs today rebuffed the deadline imposed by England to save this winter's proposed tour.

Ranbir Singh, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), said there was no change in the board's decision to refuse visas to eight of the England touring team because of their South African connections. "It is up to the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB) to cancel the tour or not," Singh told reporters.

The TCCB, which runs first-class cricket in England, had given India until October 3 to reconsider its decision to refuse visas to the eight players, who include captain Graham Gooch. There was never any doubt the Indian decision on visas meant there would be no tour, which is due to start on December 6, unless England replaced the eight with players who had not played or coached in South Africa.

The question then became which country cancelled the tour and was therefore responsible for picking up the costs involved.

Decision
On September 27, the TCCB said it had given India six more days to decide the tour's future, saying if the deadline ran out without a new decision, England would consider the Indian invitation to tour withdrawn.

Singh said the BCCI had sent a message to London after learning of what he called the TCCB's ultimatum, but he would not disclose its contents.

Singh was in Madras for a BCCI meeting which appointed batsman Dilip Vengsarkar captain of the Indian side for the Sharjah Cup in the United Arab Emirates from October 16-21 and the Asian Cup, which will take place in Dhaka from October 26 to November 16.

Singh said the vice-captain and the rest of the team would be chosen tomorrow.

In London, there was no decision from the TCCB today about the tour.

A statement issued from the board's headquarters at Lord's said: "There have been various communications to and from India during the last week, together with a number of telephone conversations. A report of these contacts will be made to the executive committee of the TCCB at tomorrow's scheduled meeting."

SPORTS BRIEFS

Sabah tourney

THE Sabah cricket tournament will start at the Safeway ground on Oct 7 with the opening match between Meriden and Hilli cricket clubs at 8.30 am.

Women's golf

SAN JOSE, Calif., Oct. 3. (Reuters): Kathy Baker Guadagnino of the United States fired a five-under-par 67 yesterday to win the \$300,000 San Jose Classic, her second victory in five years on the women's circuit.

Southern Open

COLUMBUS, Ga., Oct. 3. (Reuters): David Frost of South Africa won for the first time on the US PGA Tour yesterday when he birdied the first hole for a playoff with American Bob Tway in the \$400,000 Southern Open golf tournament.

Green arrested

NEW YORK, Oct. 3. (AP): Boxer Mitch Green was arrested for the third time in less than two weeks and charged with driving while intoxicated, police said.

Cycle race

DUBLIN, Ireland, Oct. 3. (AP): West German cyclist Rolf Golz won the Nissan Classic Tour of Ireland race yesterday by six seconds after five days of racing over 943 kilometres.

Marathon race

ST. PAUL, Minnesota, Oct. 3. (AP): Danny Boltz of Australia let compatriot Adam Hoyle take a high early lead, then overtook him in the last six miles to win the 1988 Twin Cities marathon yesterday.

BRIDGE

RESULTS of the Huhara Bridge Club game played on Saturday:

- N/S
1. Jamila Akel & Nabil Akel
2. F. Ghannam & F. Sayemh
3. Gajjar & Aurora
E/W
1. G. Rajeev & Vandanaathan
2. D. Perera & Sape
3. Tlab & Kajah.

KRIEK LOSES IN STRAIGHT SETS

Chang wins first GP title

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 3. (Reuters): Michael Chang, the 16-year-old whiz-kid of American tennis, played with all the confidence of a seasoned veteran to beat Johan Kriek in straight sets and claim his first career Grand Prix singles title yesterday.

Chang, ranked 36th in the world, needed just an hour and 19 minutes to turn aside his 64th ranked fellow American 6-2, 6-3 in the \$415,000 San Francisco Grand Prix tournament.

Biggest
Chang, who was beaten by 18-year-old American Andre Agassi in the round of 16 at the US Open, won \$39,500 for his biggest payday.

Kriek, whose service game did not resemble the razor sharpness that helped him defeat former number one John McEnroe in the semifinals, picked up \$29,750.

Neither player in the finals was seeded.

Chang's victory made him the



Chang got \$39,500 for winning the title

youngest ever winner of a "Super Series" Grand Prix title. American Aaron Krickstein was five months younger when he

won a regular series title in Tel Aviv in 1983.

"It's phenomenal that he can play that kind of tennis at 16

years old," the 30-year-old Kriek said. "He was playing tremendously and not making any unforced errors. There's always room for a newcomer."

Chang took command in the third game of the opening set, breaking Kriek, and raced to a 5-2 lead as the older player frequently missed on his first serve. Chang held serve for the first set 6-2 as Kriek netted a forehand.

Kriek double-faulted and dropped serve in the opening game of the second set as Chang hit a backhand crosscourt return. Games went on serve and, leading 5-3, Chang broke Kriek for at match with a forehand crosscourt volley.

"I figured it was very hard to put me away from the baseline," Chang said of his effort. "I started to lose a little and take the pace off the ball. I made Johan think a little more about the high ones and how he should hit them."

Prost keeps title hopes alive

JEREZ, Spain, Oct. 3. (Reuters): Frenchman Alain Prost had to face up to the unsavoury but satisfying prospect of eating his own words last night after winning the Spanish Grand Prix motor race in mouthwatering style.

The 1985 and 1986 world champion, who publicly conceded the 1988 title race to McLaren team-mate and rival Ayrton Senna in August after the Brazilian had won the Belgian Grand Prix, is now five points ahead with two races to go after leading from lights to flag with unfurled ease.

Only a record eight victory of the season for Senna in Japan on October 30 can clinch him the drivers' championship and prevent Prost going to Australia on November 13 for a final 'winner takes all' confrontation in Adelaide.

If Prost, whose win yesterday

was his second in succession, his sixth of the season and the record 34th of his career, succeeds in keeping the title alive until then — and current form suggests he will — he would be well advised to export a few bottles of Spa's famous mineral water for a possible celebration party.

A new chassis, supplied for the Frenchman in Estoril, and the recent series of dry weather races on twisting, dusty circuits have combined to rekindle Prost's competitive instincts and confidence, reducing Senna to the unusual role of supporting player in a season he had previously dominated.

Senna was given a new McLaren chassis at Silverstone for the British Grand Prix and embarked on a run of four wins — three in races hit by heavy rain — which culminated in Prost, heavily criticised by the French

media, admitting that he would not hope to overhaul his team-mate for the title.

Since the Belgian race at Spa-Francorchamps, however, Senna has collected only five points in three unsatisfactory races while Prost has won twice to regain the overall lead and the vital psychological ascendancy.

Confident

But Prost, as ever, remains cautious about his prospects. "I haven't done any calculations," he said after winning in Jerez. "I don't know what will be required and I don't want to talk about it."

"I am quite happy with my chances. I have the points already and Ayrton needs to score points now to catch me. My chassis and my engine are good and I feel confident — but I expect the next race will be another very close one between us."

Aiman moves into final

AIMAN AL ASWAK scored an easy victory over Tareq Al Aryan on Sunday evening to move into the final of the under-18 singles at the 3rd Tennis Open, being organised by the Ministry of Electricity and Water at the Ramada Al Salam Hotel tennis courts.

Aiman was in brilliant form as he crushed Tareq 6-2, 1-6 to set up a clash with Walid Al Banna, who qualified for the final on Saturday.

Results of other matches played on Sunday:

Under-14 section:
Hussain Al Aswak bt Ateeh Joulani 6-1, 6-2; Abdullahi Abdul Aziz bt Hussain Tariq 6-0, 6-0; Tariq Al Sultani bt Al Aswak 6-0, 6-0.

Lynch sets world record

LONDON, Oct. 3. (AP): Paul Lynch, a karate black belt holder, claimed today to have done 33,753 push ups in a day, a new world record.

"I hope I never have to do another one again," Lynch panicked minutes after his supervised performance in south London.

Lynch, 27, said he attempted the feat after Jeff Warwick of the United States completed 33,600

push ups in June to capture his previous title of 32,583.

The Londoner, who teaches self-defence, said he made the record yesterday with just 10 minutes to spare of the 24 hours allowed under Guinness Book of World Records rules.

Lynch said he discovered his push-up ability during karate training.

Butragueno takes Real past Oviedo

MADRID, Oct. 3. (Reuters): Star striker Emilio Butragueno returned to goal-scoring form in dramatic style yesterday, beating Real Oviedo's defence twice to help reigning Spanish League champions Real Madrid to a comfortable 3-1 victory.

Real move up three places in the table to fifth spot. Arch rivals Barcelona, meanwhile, overcame Sporting Gijon 4-0 at home to stay in second position behind League leaders Athletic Bilbao, who disposed of Espanol 1-0 at home on Saturday.

Real hero "El Buitre" seized his chance to score his first goal of the season after 20 minutes, beating Oviedo goalkeeper Savino Zubeldia with a shot from short range after coolly intercepting a pass from team-mate Miguel Tendillo.

Butragueno rammed home the advantage three minutes after the interval with a carbon copy of his first goal — only this time intercepting a long ball from Jesus Solana.

Johnson dopes scandal low point of profitable Olympics

Otto named outstanding athlete of Games

SEOUL, Oct. 3. (Reuters): East German swimmer Kristin Otto was named the outstanding athlete of the Seoul Olympics today.

Otto became the first woman to scoop six gold medals in a single Olympics, winning every race she entered in the Games.

The award for the 'Most Valuable Player' of the Games, an elaborate gold crown worth \$11,000, was presented to the East German athlete in Seoul, Helmut Bachmann, by International Olympic Committee (IOC) president, Juan Antonio Samaranch.

Award
Otto, who has already left the South Korean capital, will receive the award at another ceremony in East Berlin, IOC officials said.

Otto was chosen unanimously by the four members of the IOC who made up the panel of judges. The award, sponsored by a South Korean newspaper group, is not an official IOC prize.

The Games which hit its low point with the Ben Johnson doping case, closed on a high note yesterday with a \$349 million profit, Samaranch said today.

But Samaranch, speaking at a

news conference on the day after the Games closed, said the Canadian sprinter may have been less guilty than those who persuaded him to take drugs.

"I consider Ben Johnson a great champion," he said. "He's guilty because he's guilty. But maybe the most guilty people are the people surrounding Ben Johnson."

Johnson was stripped of his 100 metres gold medal after he was positively tested for taking steroids.

Samaranch, heading an IOC campaign to eliminate doping in sport, said Johnson's disqualification was a blow and the low point of an otherwise highly successful Games.

But he said catching Johnson showed all athletes were treated equally. "I think we can say we are winning the battle against doping," he added. "It's not only dangerous but cheating which we cannot accept."

A total of 10 athletes were disqualified for doping at the Seoul Olympics, including three gold medalists, compared with 13 who were positively tested at Los Angeles in 1984.

Samaranch said figures from



Kristin Otto

the Games organisers showed a provisional profit of \$349 million, made up of an operating surplus of \$69.5 million and private donations of \$279.5 million.

Before the Olympics started, organisers had said they aimed to

break even.

Samaranch said the IOC would reconsider the status of boxing because of the potential danger to competitors and because he was unhappy with the standard of judging and refereeing.

The IOC's medical commission would make a report on boxers' safety, he said. "Many people think boxing is very dangerous for the health of boxers not only in fights but during training," he added.

Boxing produced several ring-side furores after controversial decisions at the Games. "I'm really not happy with the way judges and referees are acting," he said.

Samaranch also said he was prepared to visit North Korea during the next few months in the interest of Olympic unity.

North Korea stayed away from Seoul after the failure of negotiations on sharing the Olympics. "If I'm invited I'm ready to go to Pyongyang in the next few months," he said. "I repeat I am willing to go."

After the Games closed yesterday, South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo thanked his coun-

Aussies slam 472 in first innings

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Oct. 3. (Reuters): Off-spinner Peter Taylor lashed 91 from 80 balls to boost Australia's cricketers to their highest four score of 472 for eight declared against the North West Frontier Province Governor's XI today.

The local side, who started their first innings reply shortly before tea, were 115 for three at the close of the second day of the three-day match.

Taylor showed his prowess with the bat after Australia slipped from their overnight 321 for three to 357 for seven, left-arm spinner Masood Anwar capturing three of the wickets following a 45-minute delay at the start due to early morning rain.

Bowled

Left-hander Taylor hammered 13 boundaries and put on exactly 100 with leg-spinner Peter Sleep (28 not out) for the eighth wicket before being howled by paceman Bahar Zaman.

When Australia resumed their first innings, Mike Veletta fell lbw to Masood without adding to his overnight 20, and Graeme Wood was fifth out for 70 at 341 when leg-spinner Iqbal Sikander clean-bowled him off his pads.

Five runs later, Jamie Siddons (8) was caught at first slip by Sikander after edging a turning delivery from Masood, while Steve Waugh continued his sequence of low scores by being caught at forward short-leg off Masood for two.

Then Taylor took over and set about the bowling with lovely strokes on both sides of the wicket. He was particularly severe on paceman Zakir Khan whose two overs with the second new ball yielded 29 runs.

When the local side started their innings, Craig McDermott struck in his opening over by having Bahar Zaman caught smartly by Geoff Marsh at second slip without scoring.

Basit Ali and Zahoor Elahi carried the score to 42 before Elahi was leg before to Waugh for 19.

At 75, the Governor's XI lost Basit for a fine 39 when he dragged a McDermott delivery onto his stumps after hitting seven sweetly-aimed fours.

Shaukat Mirza, unbeaten on 29 with five fours, and left-hander Saeed Anwar (20 not out), shared an unbroken fourth-wicket stand of 40.

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings (over-
night 321 for three)
G. Marsh st Djalpat b Ejaz Fakih 106
D. Wood run out 65
D. Jones c Bahar Zaman b Farrukh Zaman 60
C. Wood b Sikander 70
M. Veletta lbw b Anwar 20
J. Siddons c Sikander b Anwar 8
S. Waugh c sub b Anwar 2
P. Taylor b Bahar Zaman 83
P. Sleep not out 28
I. Healy not out 5
Extras (lb-8, nb-17) 25
Total (eight wickets declared) 472
Fall of wickets: 1-129 2-190 3-271
4-325 5-341 6-346 7-357 8-457
Did not bat: C. McDermott
Bowling: Zakir Khan 13-2-45-0,
Bahar Zaman 8-0-32-1, Ejaz Fakih
25-6-57-1, Masood Anwar 34-8-119-3,
Iqbal Sikander 32-3-131-1,
Farrukh Zaman 21-4-60-1
Governor's XI first innings
Bahar Zaman c Marsh b McDermott 9
Basit Ali b McDermott 39
Zahoor Elahi lbw b Waugh 19
Shaukat Mirza not out 29
Saeed Anwar not out 20
Extras (nb-8) 8
Total (three wickets) 115
Fall of wickets: 1-1-2-42 3-75
To bat: Ejaz Fakih, Iqbal Sikander,
Anil Djalpat, Zakir Khan, Masood
Anwar, Farrukh Zaman
Bowling to date: McDermott 9-1-53-2, Waugh 7-1-27-1, Taylor 9-1-31-0, Sleep 1-8-4-0

Meanwhile the second one-day cricket international between Pakistan and Australia has been switched to Lahore from curfew-bound Hyderabad, where more than 182 people were massacred last Friday.

Australian manager Colin Egar said the game had been brought forward a day to October 13 and the third and final Test starting in Lahore on Friday would be played without a rest day to accommodate the change.

LOCAL CRICKET



Shaukat for four 14

CCK score easy win over Flying Arrows

CRICKET Club of Kuwait (CCK) defeated Flying Arrows by 33 runs in an India Tea Board Trophy match at the EPI grounds on Friday.

Flying Arrows, after winning the toss, put CCK in to bat.

Openers Riaz and Raees Khan took the score to 29 before the latter was stumped off Vijay Riaz hammered an unbeaten 79 while Faisal scored 32 as CCK scored 147 in the allotted 25 overs.

Flying Arrows, however, failed to capitalise on their bowlers' success and were all out for 114. Shaukat did the most damage with four wickets for only 14 runs. He good support from Fawaz and Raees who both took two wickets each for 19.

Lanka Colts overcome Rangers

AN UNBEATEN 55 by captain Hiran Fernando and an all-round performance by Ossien, who hit 39 runs and took six wickets for 28 runs, helped Lanka Colts score victory over Rangers Cricket Club in a GCL League match at the EPI grounds on Friday.

Set 172 to win, after Rangers had been restricted to 171 for nine in 29 overs, Colts were well behind the run-rate before Hiran took the Rangers' bowlers to task and turned the game in his team's favour.

Hiran was well supported by Ossien, who earlier on made Rangers toil for runs. Sajid took four wickets for 39 for Rangers.

Rangers had started their innings well with Bitu hitting 78 and Sajid 41 before they ran into some accurate bowling from Ossien who tore apart the Rangers' side after a first-wicket stand of 86.

Super Star win

SUPER STAR Cricket Club scored a five-wicket victory over Gold Star Cricket Club in a Friends Trophy match at the Blue Tower ground on Friday morning.

Batting first, Gold Star were all out for 142 in 20 overs. Super Star scored the required runs for the loss of only five wickets. Kanayat, Sikander and Tariq scored 36, 43 and 28 respectively. Tariq also took seven wickets for 17 runs in Gold Star's innings.



Ghulam Haider (left) receives the trophy from Amin Butt.

Galaxy clinch crown

GALAXY Cricket Club scored a four-wicket victory over Kheitan XI recently to clinch the Friends Trophy Cup at the Airport-Millat ground.

Batting first, Kheitan XI scored 159 for the loss of eight wickets in their 20 allotted overs. Ansar was the top scorer with an unbeaten 31 while Shehzad hit 28, Ilyas 23 and Jamil 22.

Ghulam Haider took two wickets for 20, Riaz Mian two for 31 and Javed Shah, Waheed, Tariq

and Habib one each.

In reply, Galaxy got the required runs in only 17.1 overs for the loss of six wickets. Abdul Razzak was in terrific form hitting five sixes and 10 fours in his 101 while Idrees scored 29.

Jamil and Shehzad took two wickets each.

Amin Butt, the chief guest, presented the trophy to Ghulam Haider — skipper of Galaxy. Abdul Razzak took the Man of the Match award.



Hafiz (left) gives the trophy to Iqbal.

QMCC outclass Falcon

QUAID-E-MILLAT Cricket Club (QMCC) captured the Pak Sarhad Trophy with an easy 51-run victory over Falcon Cricket Club at the Airport-Millat ground recently.

Millat, batting first, scored 206 runs for the loss of only two wickets in 25 overs with Iqbal being the top scorer with 121. He slammed five sixes and 12 fours. Arif hit 40. The wickets were

picked up by Ayub and Zahid Butt.

Falcon found the going tough and were all out for only 155. Zahid scored 30 and Ayub 20. Shabbir and Sadaqat took three wickets each while Ashraf Rana got two each.

Iqbal was named Man of the Match. Millat's captain Iqbal received the winner's trophy from Hafiz Sultan.